

BFA Equipping on Luke 6 and 7

Discovering Luke's overarching driving concern in

- the ethical teaching of Jesus in Lk 6
- and the story of the woman and Simon the Pharisee in Lk 7

Use the Context tool

1. Israel's leaders' failure to read God's law in the light of Christ.
2. Lk 6:23, 24-26, 35, 37, 49 suggest Jesus has the End-Day Final Judgment in mind.

Use the Tone and Feel tool

BFA Mar Lesson 1: Lk 6:26-45

1. Christ's disciples should behave above the ways of sinners (see 6:32–34).
2. Sonship is the key to obeying Christ's wisdom/moral teaching.
 - By inheriting the Father's nature and living as his mature sons.
 - By developing a God-like character as a result of enjoying the life of God in fellowship with Christ.
 - They love, do good, bless and pray for their enemies.
 - They lend, are merciful, don't judge/condemn, release, and give.
 - Round off with 3 parables on what's good/bad discipleship/faith.
 - i. Avoid the danger & foolishness of judging others without examining self.
 - ii. Examine your fruits, good tree bears good fruits...Our lives' outflow reveals our hearts.
 - iii. Build your life on the one foundation of Christ's word to survive the coming test and final judgment.

Luke's Overarching Concern:

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What is true saving faith?

Big Idea:

Saving faith will show Christlikeness in unconditional self-giving love.

Application:

- Humbly examine oneself for evidence of Christlikeness or lack of it.
- Take steps to grow in the Lord and in self-giving love.

BFA Mar lesson 2: Lk 6:46-49; 7:36-50. What is **true saving faith** that makes one Christ's disciple

Use the Context Tool

The story of the woman and Simon in Lk 7:36-50 is:

- Preceded by +ve and –ve examples of saving faith
 - + High net worth Centurion knows he deserves nothing received rescue (7:9);
 - + Low net worth Nain's widow too received rescue (7:11-17);
 - Self-righteous Religious leaders who reject both John and Jesus received rebuke (7:31-35)

Jesus concluding remark: Lk 7:35 “. . . wisdom is justified by all her children.”

- Begins the first of the 5 appearances of **the word “save”** (see 7:50 “Your faith has **saved you**”; see also 8:12, 36, 48, 50)
- Embedded and Ends with **proof of saving faith**:
 - **devotion to Jesus** (Lk 7:44) and
 - **service to Jesus**(Lk 8:1-3) .
- Followed by the Parable of the Sower and ‘**my mother and brothers are those who hear the Word of God and do it**’ (8:19–21) to form a bracket (an inclusio) with **Lk 6:46-49**'s call to build on Christ's Word as the foundation.

Conclusion

- Saving faith is not based on works or personal merits
- Saving faith is trusting and obeying Jesus' words
- Saving faith always produces and is proven by works of devotion and service to Jesus

➔ Big Idea: Saving Faith that trusts in Jesus alone will ***love and serve*** Him.

➔ Discipleship Application:

- Examine your faith's basis;
- Grow your love/worship and service to Jesus.

How Lk 6-7 fit into Luke's larger context as *A Discipleship Training Manual* on "How to Response Rightly to Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man"

➤ Movement 1: Lk 1-4. Jesus as greater than John the Baptist

(Intent: Establishes Jesus' Identity)

➤ Movement 2: Lk 4-9. Jesus' ministry in Galilee

(Intent: Establish the right saving response to Jesus)

- Lk 4 establishes the pattern of Jesus' ministry
- Lk 5 establishes Jesus' authority to rescue sinners
- Lk 6-8 establishes the evidence for true saving faith
- Lk 9 establishes the cost of discipleship, to carry one's cross

➤ Movement 3: Lk 9- 19. Journey to Jerusalem

(Intent: Establish persevering faith in Jesus)

- Jesus prepares His disciples for His and their own cross

➤ Movement 4: Lk 19-24. Triumphant Entry to Resurrection

(Intent: Establish the disciples as witnesses of Jesus)

- the passion narrative- Christ's cross as the fulfilment of Scripture

Q & A