

Newington '25 – 'A Year in the Gospels' together #28 (June 9-14)

June 9-14/ Day 1: Read Luke 10:38-42 - This passage invites us to see Jesus Himself as our 'portion.'

Q. What does seeing Jesus as our daily portion mean to you? Where are you tempted to look apart from Jesus?

Q. What is your most common roadblock that keeps you from spending regular, purposeful time alone with God?

Q. How does Jesus suggest we refocus our eyes on the better portion that He provides?

June 9-14/ Day 2: Read Luke 11:1-13 - The Lord's Prayer assumes the sovereignty of God.

Q. What does it mean for God to be sovereign? How does or should God's sovereignty inform your prayer life?

Q. How would you describe the approach or pattern of prayer that Jesus models in this passage?

June 9-14/ Day 3: Read Luke 11:14-28 - Jesus is reminding that there is no middle ground when it comes to Him.

Q. Why does this absolute division frighten or challenge people?

Q. Can we take a neutral stance on sin? What happens when we fail to make a firm stance for God's truths?

June 9-14/ Day 4: Read Luke 11:19-26 - Jesus has some tough words for His generation.

Q. What do you think Jesus would say about our generation?

Jesus states in this passage that our spiritual "enlightenment" depends upon the health of our spiritual eyes.

Q. How can we sharpen our spiritual discernment? What do we allow to dull it?

June 9-14/ Day 5: Read Luke 11:37-54

Q. According to Jesus, what did the Pharisees emphasize? And what did they overlook?

Q. In what ways are we today, as Christians, making the same mistakes as the Pharisees and experts in the law?

June 9-14/ Day 6: Study and Meditation – Consider the following questions:

Jesus, in these passages from Luke, seems to be stressing the need to refocus our attentions and our intentions.

Q. What area or areas do you need to ask Him to help you refocus in your life?

Q. What practical steps can you take to move toward Jesus' desired state for your spiritual life?

Q. How is Jesus' approach to prayer radically different from what the world thinks about prayer?