

Newington '25 – 'A Year in the Gospels' together #31 (June 30-July 5)

June 30 – July 5/ Day 1: Read Luke 15:1-10

Q. If the story of the lost sheep were retold, starring you as a Pharisee, what would you be grumbling about?

Q. Jesus remained Holy while spending time w/ sinners. How can we do this? What should we be cautious about?

June 30 – July 5/ Day 2: Read Luke 15:11-32

Q. Which character in this parable do you most relate with and why?

Q. We often focus on the younger son...What characteristics do the younger and older brother share? Differences?

Q. Why does Jesus highlight the actions and attitudes of the older brother?

June 30 – July 5/ Day 3: Read Luke 16:1-8

Q. This is a harder story to understand. Why? What points is Jesus trying to make in this passage?

Q. How have you been tested by God in the little things in order to prepare you for use in larger matters?

June 30 – July 5/ Day 4: Read Luke 16:19-31

Q. How do you respond Biblically to those that claim that God must be cruel because He torments people for all eternity by sending them to hell?

Jesus is again using a story to both teach and to foreshadow His coming resurrection.

Q. Why do we have such a hard time believing messages of warning about future suffering that is avoidable?

June 30 – July 5/ Day 5: Read Luke 17:1-10

Q. How can, and how should we stay away from our normal tendency, to fight and to hold grudges?

Q. What is the relationship between the disciples request for increased faith and Jesus teaching on being a servant?

June 30 – July 5/ Day 6: Study and Meditation - Consider the following questions:

Jesus has a harsh message for the worldly or self-righteous whose vision is rooted in the here and now.

Q. What things in your life would Jesus point to as limiting your ability to be a true and effective servant?

Jesus calls us to radical new focus for our lives.

Q. What things do you need to reorder in order to be on the same page as Christ?