

# Luke: The Inside Out Gospel

Week 9

Luke 6:46-49

Building on Bedrock

## OPEN WITH PRAYER

### GETTING STARTED:

What do you think most people would say Christians are known for?

What do you think Christians SHOULD be known for?

If your response to these questions are different, why do you think this is true?

## LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

### Together, read Luke 6:46-49 together

1. Jesus uses parables to describe big truths. What big truth is described in these verses?
2. These verses come as the conclusion to the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-49). Verse 47 says, "As for those who come to me and *hear my words...*" Which "words" is Jesus referring to?
3. What kinds of disciples is Jesus calling for in these verses?
4. If the church was full of these kinds of disciples, how would that change the church? Our city? Our world? What prevents us from being these kinds of disciples?
5. More specifically, identify what keeps YOU from being this kind of disciple. Name at least 2 things.

## LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

6. Jim said, “Jesus isn’t interested in just the Sunday part of our lives, he wants the whole week, our whole selves. He wants to put a new life into us and to remove the old life and its desires. This is the mystery and grace of God: through his Holy Spirit, when we say yes to following Jesus and obeying his words we are given the very life of Jesus.”  
In what way do you desire for the new life that Jesus offers?
7. Jesus specifically names 3 things that are the marks of radical disciples:  
1) people who are focused on eternal things (verses 20-26)  
2) people who love others (verses 27-42)  
3) people who are obedient to the words of Christ (verses 43-49).

Which of these 3 characteristics will you live out this week? Tell your group what you will do to live it out.

## SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.

## For Further Reflection:

“And if we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What decisions and partings will it demand? To answer this question we shall have to go to him, for only he knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows the journey’s end. But we do know that it will be a road of boundless mercy. Discipleship means joy.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer from *The Cost of Discipleship*