

Matthew 11; Luke 9, 10, 17 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. In Luke 10:1-4 who did Jesus send out this time (v1, see Matt 10:1) and how (v1, 4)? Where did He send them (v1, 2, 3) and what could they expect (v2, 3)?</p>	
<p>5. Using Luke 10:5-7 what procedure were they to follow entering a town (v5-6, 7)? What were the advantages of doing it this way? How are we to apply this today?</p>	
<p>6. Read Luke 10:8-12. How were they to act in the towns they entered (v8, 9, 10-11)? What realities were they to understand (v9, 12) and why would knowing this help them?</p>	
<p>7. From Luke 10:13-16 what truths about the judgment did Jesus reveal in v13-15? How are the disciples to understand their acceptance or rejection (v16)?</p>	
<p>8. In Luke 10:17-20 what were the returning disciples excited about (v17) and how did Jesus correct this (v20)? What declaration did Jesus make and what did this mean (v18-19)?</p>	
<p>9. Looking at Luke 10:21-24 what was Jesus happy about (v21, 22), and what blessing had the disciples received (v23-24)? How does this relate to us?</p>	
<p>10. Using Matt 11:27-30 what are the elements of Jesus' invitation (v28, 29) and who will respond to it (v27, 28)? What is living according to Jesus' commands like (v29, 30)?</p>	
<p>11. Summarize Jesus' "new and improved" way of life in terms of a new attitude (Luke 9:51-56; 17:11-19), the way to respond to acceptance or rejection (Luke 10:1-16), and an accurate appraisal of it (Luke 10:17-24, Matt 11:27-30).</p>	

Scripture to Remember

"Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me for I am gentle and humble in heart."

Matthew 11:28-29 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Words With Friends—Goodness (Gal 5; Rom 7)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Talk about what you think a good person is. Why are we so attracted to "good" people?
2. Discuss 3 motivations for being good: 1) personal—it's the way to peace; 2) practical—people will see through you eventually; and 3) priority—God sees the heart.
3. Look at Rom 7:14-25. Why is it so difficult to be good? Based on Paul's experience how should we approach this (our desire and determination)?
4. Share with the group about a time that you have come to the point of despair in the battle to be "good". How did the deliverance come (if it has)?
5. Explain the truth of Rom 8:2—that the law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death. How can we apply that to the issue of "being good"?
6. Talk about the 3 characteristics of goodness—honesty, humility, and consistency. Where can you apply these in your life? As a group commit to pray for each other about these changes.
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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New and Improved

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One of the most frequently used advertising bylines is “new and improved”. The idea implies that the old product or method was not working adequately, but the upgrade will truly solve the problem. This is essentially the offer that Jesus makes this week; His way of life will be an improvement over the old Jewish system so it is certainly worthy of acceptance. The section began with Jesus resolutely setting His course to go to Jerusalem. As they entered a city of the Samaritans an attitude adjustment was required for His disciples. The old attitude of scorning and condemning those who rejected them, especially the Samaritans, was no longer appropriate. The new attitude that Jesus espoused was to save, rather than destroy lives. In fact those who were outcast

like the Samaritans might be the only ones who were thankful for Jesus’ help, as His healing of the ten lepers showed—only one of them returned to say thank you to Him and that was a Samaritan. In the next section Jesus sent out seventy of His disciples by twos since the harvest was plentiful. He showed them that they would encounter both acceptance and rejection, but that they would be representing Him. Whatever their treatment, it would merely reflect the attitude of the people towards Jesus, so it was not to be taken personally. Because the need was so urgent they were to take nothing with them and stay in houses where “men of peace” received them. They were to symbolically “shake the dust off their feet” of those who rejected them. Those towns would all be subject to judgment worse



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

than Sodom, Tyre, and Sidon, whose experience of God’s judgment was legendary. Finally, Jesus gave an accurate appraisal of the disciples’ work when they returned. They were excited about their power over evil, but Jesus told them rather to be happy about that their names were recorded in heaven. Moreover, the Father had revealed to them mysteries unknown even to the prophets and Jesus had given them a way of life that was relatively easy, and even provided rest for their souls. Living His way was truly “new and improved.”

Study Questions for Matthew 11; Luke 9, 10, 17

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Luke 9:51-56. Where did Jesus focus next (v51)? Where did this take Him (v52), how did they react, and why (v53)? How did James and John want to handle this, but what did He say (v54-55)?	
2. Using Luke 17:11-14 who did Jesus encounter (v11-12)? What did they ask and how did He respond (v13-14)? What was the result (v14)?	
3. From Luke 17:15-19 What did only one of the ten do (v15-16) and why was this significant (v16)? What did Jesus ask him (v17-18), and then tell him (v19)? Apply.	

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