

Luke 10:25-11:13; 13:22-35 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Luke 11:1-4 what did the disciples desire and why (v1)? What 3 areas did Jesus tell them to address in prayer (v2, 3, 4)?	
5. Using Luke 11:5-10 retell Jesus' story in your words (v5-8). What was the problem (v5-7) and solution (v8)? How is this to be applied (v9) and what is the promise (v10)?	
6. Read Luke 11:11-13. What truth underlies prayer (v11-12)? How do our earthly and heavenly fathers differ and why is this encouraging (v13)? Who is the "ultimate" gift (v13)? Explain.	
7. From Luke 13:22-25 what question arose (v22-23) and why do you think it did? How did Jesus answer (v24) and how did He illustrate it (v25)?	
8. In Luke 13:26-30 what doesn't "get you in" to heaven (v26) and what keeps you out (v27)? Describe the situation when Christ's kingdom is ushered in (v28, 29, 30).	
9. Looking at Luke 13:31-33 who wanted to kill Jesus (v31) and how did He respond to this news (v32-33)? What can we learn from this?	
10. Using Luke 13:34-35 Who else wanted to kill Jesus (v34) and how did He feel about this (v34)? What would be the immediate (v35a) and long-term (v35b) result?	
11. Looking back over this study what do authentic love, persistent prayer and narrow faith look like and why is each a necessary ingredient for kingdom living?	

Scripture to Remember

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Luke 11:13 (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. Describe someone you know who is faithful. How do you think they got that way?
2. Discuss why faithfulness is necessary in our relationship with God. How is He faithful to us (1 Jn 1:9, 1 Cor 10:13, Ps 36:5). How can we apply that?
3. Talk about what faithfulness among family members looks like and why this is vital for your overall life. What does it mean to be faithful to God in your finances?
4. Share what it is like to have a friend who is faithful. How do we find such a friend?
5. Explain the importance of faithfulness in the church (see Heb 10:24-25). Why is it helpful to understand that we are a body, and not just a religious club?
6. Why are both the "small" things and the "secret" things to be our focus if we are trying to develop faithfulness? Share with the group some of the small things you can do to "prepare the soil of faithfulness".
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In the early 1900s one of the prizes of the midway was a big cigar. If a person almost hit the target they would say “close, but no cigar”. The saying today means that getting close is not enough; to achieve the purpose the exact goal must be attained. Jesus taught about this in this week’s study. The first area in which the goal must actually be achieved is that of expressing authentic love. The great commandment is loving God and one’s neighbor, but it is easy to “fake” this by loving only the “desirables”. Jesus told the story of a Samaritan who attended to a man who had been beaten, robbed and left in a ditch. His compassion led him to do all the man needed to be fully restored, unlike the priest and the Levite. Their love was false, but his was authentic. Jesus then

showed the contrast between the love of his two friends, Mary and Martha. Mary simply sat at His feet, absorbed by Him, while Martha had to “do something” for Jesus. Serving another is not wrong, but it is not the most important aspect of love; rather, satisfaction from being with them is love’s highest expression. Jesus then talked about the necessity of exhibiting persistent prayer in kingdom living. He gave them a model for prayer that focused on worship of God, dependence on Him for daily provision, and the dealing with sin through forgiveness and God’s protection from evil. The “secret” to successful prayer, though, was persistence. God will give the ultimate gift, the Holy Spirit, to those who seek Him, and in Him only good gifts will be given to His children. Finally, Jesus revealed the importance



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

of examining misguided faith. Many think they believe, and are therefore saved, but they have missed the “narrow gate”. Because they are around Jesus they mistakenly think they have an intimate relationship. Instead they engage in evil activities. Their tragic outcome will be misery outside of the kingdom. Jesus then revealed both Herod’s and the Jews’ evil intent to murder Him, although He greatly desired to gather them under His wings. One day they would call Him “blessed”, but for now they were “close but no cigar”.

Study Questions for Luke 10:25-11:13; 13:22-35

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

1. Read Luke 10:25-28. What did the lawyer ask and what was his motive (v25)? What was Jesus’ response (v26) and evaluation of the man’s answer (v27-28)?	
2. Using Luke 10:29-37 what question was asked (v29) and how did Jesus answer (v36-37)? What elements showed mercy (v33, 34, 35)? What was Jesus’ other point (v30-33)?	
3. From Luke 10:38-42 how did Martha (v38, 40) and Mary (v39) respond to Jesus’ differently? How did Jesus deal with this (v41-42) and how should we apply His answer to us?	

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