

Review

1:1-4 Luke wrote his Gospel narrative in order to help Theophilus have *certainty* about the things he had been taught about the things that had been accomplished...

*Is Jesus really the way? Is this really Jesus's way?
Why does certainty matter? What does certainty look like?*

1:5-2:52 God Has Not Forgotten His Promise of Salvation

3:1-4:13 God is Preparing the Way for His Salvation

How does the rest of Luke's Gospel unfold?

A "Geographic" Outline:

Luke (vol. 1) – *Becoming a Witness Who is Certain of Jesus Christ*

- Beyond Jerusalem—Galilee (4:14-9:50)

- On the 'WAY' to Jerusalem—Samaria/Judea (9:51-19:44)

- In Jerusalem (19:45-24:53)

Acts (vol. 2) – *Being a Confident Witness of Jesus Christ*

- Jerusalem (1:12-8:3)

- Judea/Samaria (8:4-16:10)

- End of the earth (16:11-28:31)

4:14-9:50 **Jesus Proclaims the Good News of God's Salvation...
...and Makes Himself Known**

GALILEE

4:14-44 An Overview of Jesus' Ministry

5:1-6:49 Jesus Calls Disciples to Himself

5:1-11 Jesus Invites a Fisherman to Catch People

5:12-26 Jesus Heals a Leper and a Paralytic

5:27-39 Jesus Invites a Tax-Collector to Follow Him

6:1-11 Jesus Demonstrates His Authority Over the Sabbath

6:12-49 **Jesus Prepares His Disciples for Discipleship**

Who is Jesus? What does it mean to hear and follow Him?

Jesus...Makes Himself Known, Part 9

Luke 6:37-42

- **Jesus chooses twelve disciples to be his apostles, and teaches them what it means to be his followers** (Luke 6:12-49)
 - Jesus chooses twelve disciples to be apostles (vv. 12-16)
 - Jesus ministers with his apostles by healing and teaching people (vv. 17-19)

- o Jesus teaches his disciples what it means to be his followers (vv. 20-49)

- BLESSINGS and WOES (vv. 20-26)

The Sermon on the Plain

- LOVE and ENEMIES (vv. 27-36)

cf. Matthew 5-7

- SIGHT and BLINDNESS (vv. 37-42)

“Can a blind man lead a blind man?” (v. 39) “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?” (v. 41)

This passage is about **EVALUATING** (judging, assessing, etc.) others...

“Judge not, and you will not be judged...” (v. 37)

Jesus *DOESN'T* mean that...

- **Judging is inherently and always wrong**

John 7:24 “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

- **All judging is the same**

Luke 7:43 Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.”

Luke 12:57 “And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?”

- **No one should ever be judged**

John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

- **We should never judge anyone**

Luke 22:28-30 “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials,²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

What does Jesus want us to know about **EVALUATING** (judging) others?

-- **The way we MEASURE others will be the way we are measured** (vv. 37-38)

judge not...

and you will not be judged

condemn not...

and you will not be condemned

forgive...

and you will be forgiven

give...

and it will be given to you

“**Good measure**” = pressed down, shaken together, running over...

The measuring of the corn is a process which is carried out according to an established pattern. The seller crouches on the ground with the measure between

his legs. First of all he fills the measure three-quarters full and gives it a good shake with a rotatory motion to make the grains settle down. Then he fills the measure to the top and gives it another shake. Next he presses the corn together strongly with both hands. Finally he heaps it into a cone, tapping it carefully to press the grains together; from time to time he bores a hole in the cone and pours a few more grains into it, until there is literally no more room for a single grain. In this way, the purchaser is guaranteed an absolutely full measure; it cannot hold more. (Joachim Jeremias)

with the measure you use...

it will be measured back to you

-- **The way we WALK in this regard will reveal who we are following** (vv. 39-40)

-- **The way we SEE ourselves will affect how we look at others** (vv. 41-42)

What does it look like to be **BLIND** in evaluating others?

We are BLIND to...

- God, as the ultimate, absolute, and righteous Judge
- the mercy and grace I’ve been shown by God
- God measuring to me according to my measurement of others
- who I’m actually following in this
- where this is actually leading me
- my own failings
- the relative significance and magnitude of my own failings
- the misperception my failings (unaddressed) produces
- how far off from (or beyond) Jesus I’ve gotten
- the fact that I’m actually quite blind

What does *this mean for us?*

Following Jesus—being an actual disciple of His that joins him in making other disciples:

Are you certain about these things?

For Next Time:

Luke 6:43-49