

Ancient Path: Invitation

Life Steps | March 12 & 13, 2016

Memory Verse: “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:18-20

Day 1

Luke 13:10-17

How does the woman’s encounter with Jesus differ from the religious leader’s encounter with Jesus? What does this passage have to teach us about the practice of invitation?

Day 2

Luke 6:27-45

What is the real danger in judging others? What does Jesus mean in verses 37-38? Does Jesus mean that he will withhold forgiveness from us if we do not forgive one another, or does he mean something else? Explain.

Day 3

Luke 18:9-14

What is the point of the parable about the Pharisee and tax collector? How does this speak to our development of a practice of invitation?

Day 4

Matthew 15:1-10

Often what bothers us the most in other people is what bothers us the most about ourselves. What does this passage have to say about that?

Day 5

Acts 10

What sort of barriers and dividing walls is the kingdom of God moving over and knocking down in Acts 10? What does it mean for the gospel to be offered even to the Romans? What does that mean for us as members of this kingdom?

Day 6

Acts 16

What is the significance of Lydia’s conversion? What sort of barriers is the kingdom of God moving over here? Is this still an issue that needs to be resolved in the church today? Explain. How do Paul and Silas demonstrate the upside down and inside out nature of the kingdom of God to the jailer? What was the result?

Day 7

Luke 5:17-26

What do you admire about the men who lowered their friend to Jesus? What motivated them to do such a thing? Who is someone that you are willing to do that for? Who is someone that you want to see put his or her faith in Jesus? Commit to praying for them every day for the next six weeks.