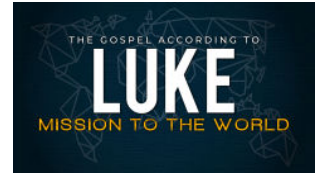


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Scripture: Luke 17:20-37



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus reveals that the Kingdom of God is a present reality, that he is the foretold Son of Man and Suffering Servant who will be rejected by sinners, and that his future return will be marked by judgment.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. What is the kingdom of God, and why did the Pharisees ask Jesus about it (Isaiah 2:4)?
2. What was Jesus claiming about the kingdom and himself with his answer (verses 20 and 21)?
3. Why does every human heart long for the consummation of the kingdom of God (Ecclesiastes 3:1)? How can we demonstrate this truth to unbelievers?
4. How did the religious leaders of Jesus' day miss their King? What is Jesus' warning to them and us today (verses 22-24)? Why do we get impatient and seek special "revelation" and predictions regarding Jesus' return?
5. How do we properly prepare for Jesus' coming, and what is our mission while we await his return (Matthew 24)?
6. Why does Jesus call himself the Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14)?
7. Before Jesus comes into his kingdom, what must he first accomplish and why (Isaiah 53)?
8. Discuss the following aspects of Jesus' second coming: **Destruction** (verses 26-30), **Distraction** (verses 31-32), and **Death** (verses 33-37).

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

The Gospel of the Kingdom by George Eldon Ladd