

Lesson 26

Fruitful vs Fruitless Faith | Matthew 21:18 - 22:14

START MEETING

- Can you think of someone whose faith you really look up to? Why is that?

READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

1. Read Matthew 21:18 -19. How does that make you feel when you learn that Jesus will judge and punish the lack of fruitfulness?
2. Go to Matthew 21: 21, 22. What do these verses teach you about prayer? (See also Matthew 7:7 - 11)
3. In Matthew 21: 31, 32, Jesus connects the first son to a certain group of people, and the second son to another group of people. Why did each of this group resemble the first or the second son? (See also Matthew 3:5-8, and Luke 3:10-14)
4. What does the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14) reveal about God's character and salvation?
5. The wedding clothes symbolize our union with Christ, which grant us the twin graces of justification and sanctification.
 - A) Why is receiving the grace of justification so important? (See also Isaiah 61:10, Isaiah 64:6)

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PASSAGE FOCUS

Jesus has the authority to demand fruit of faith. Everyone who has a God-focused faith has authority. A fruitful repents, reforms and receives.

STUDY GUIDE

LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

B) Why is receiving the grace of sanctification so important? (See Colossians 3:9 - 14)

Close meeting

- One of the expressions of the fruit of repentance is the confession of sin. How do you feel about opening up and sharing about your shortcomings/failures in the Life Group setting? What are ways your Life Group can be more intentional about that?

- State one area about that you want your Life Group members to hold you accountable to, in your growth in sanctification (becoming more Christlike). Follow up on that the next LG meeting.

For a broad overview of the 'putting on/off' metaphor, read:
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/putting-on-christ-putting-off-sin/>