Don’t Make Life a Sandcastle May 28, 2023

*Luke 6:43-49 Series: Through Jesus’ Eyes*

In any given situation, what you are determines what you see; what you see determines what you do. – Haddon Robinson

Intro: What’s in a name?

1. Our problem is more than skin deep
2. People claim to love nature without listening to nature

“For” refers back to taking the log out of the eye.

v. 43 *no good tree bears bad fruit nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit*

v. 44 *each tree is known by its own fruit*

v. 44 *figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush*

1. The peach is rotten not just bruised

v. 45 *The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good …*

v. 45 *the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil*

v. 45 *out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks*

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*

* If we’ve got a log in our eye, why do we have to deal with our heart? Why can’t we just deal with the log?
* What are some ways that our culture glorifies the heart?
* What things do we blame our actions on other than the heart?

1. Rebranding isn’t the answer
2. The words of intimacy

v. 46 *Why do you call me “Lord, Lord,” …?*

Genesis 22:11 *But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”*

Genesis 46:2 *And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here I am.”*

Exodus 3:4 *When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”*

Matthew 27:46 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

1. It’s easier to pretend to be near to the Lord than to be near to the Lord

v. 46 *Why do you call me “Lord, Lord,” and not do what I tell you?*

John 14:21 *Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”*

Matthew 7:23 *And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’*

* What would motivate people who don’t follow Jesus to pretend that they’re close to Him? Why not just avoid Jesus instead?
* What are some of the ways that we try to rebrand ourselves instead of renewing ourselves? (e.g., professionally, physically, digitally)
* What are some examples of ways that we focus on our own brands and other people’s brands more than our hearts?

1. “Come, hear, do” is the blueprint to weather the storm
2. Jesus’ invitation is “Come, hear, do”

v. 47 *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like …*

Ezekiel 36:26 *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

Psalm 119:11 *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

James 1:22 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

1. There’s no recipe for avoiding the storm

v. 48 *a flood arose*

v. 48 *the stream broke against that house*

v. 49 *the stream broke against it*

1. There’s only one way to weather the storm

v. 48 *he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock*

v. 48 *the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built*

v. 49 *But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation.*

v. 49 *When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.*

* What happens if we just try to “hear and do” without first coming to Jesus?
* Who has inspired you by how they weathered the storm?
* Where do you need to dig a deeper foundation in order to weather the storms that will come?

Study ahead: In two weeks, we’ll study James 1:1-18.

Notes