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Discussion Questions

Week of: October 26, 2025 // Sermon Text: Luke 16:14-18

Sermon Overview

Pursue a God-pleasing righteousness from the heart, including in your marriage

- I. The righteousness God seeks is from the heart (vv. 14-15)
- II. The kingdom Jesus brings fulfills the law but does not relax righteousness (vv. 16-17)
- III. God's enduring desire for righteousness is shown in his enduring instruction about marriage (v. 18)

Ice Breaker

Talk about a time when it was really hard to do the right thing.

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 16:14-18

1. In the sermon, righteousness is “being right, doing right, before God.” The righteousness God is seeking is righteousness from the heart. **What’s the difference between being righteous just on the outside (like the Pharisees) and being righteous from the heart?**
2. **Have you ever found yourself resisting a teaching in the Bible, only to later realize (or experience a sense of conviction from the Holy Spirit) that it is a truth that was pressing on something you were loving as a rival to God? Please share.**
3. **If you were to be honest, is there an area of your life where you are settling for outward conformity (a merely external righteousness)? What might be a good step toward pursuing change in this area of your life?**

4. **After hearing this sermon, how might you respond to someone who thinks they can live however they want because Jesus counts us as righteous through trust in him?**
5. Jesus didn't come to make righteousness unnecessary, but rather to make it possible. **What does that mean? Do you find this truth encouraging? How so?**

MARRIAGE

In our culture, the starting point for thinking about marriage is often self-fulfillment: my wants, my needs, my goals. It's easy to miss God's design for marriage, which is a covenant to which we must be faithful, a union that is only broken with great trauma, and a picture of God's love and faithfulness. It is, therefore, not surprising that so many fail to see the grievousness of divorce as God does.

6. **How can we speak and act about marriage so that those around us are pointed toward God's good design of marriage?**
7. This passage urges us to "Pursue a God-pleasing righteousness from the heart, including in (our) marriages." **If you're married, what would this practically look like?**
8. **Given your marital situation and background, what was one takeaway from this sermon God might want you to remember in the days ahead?**

Prayer