

Day One: Matthew 20:1-16

1. Set the scene of this parable (1-2). At 9 in the morning, what happened (3-5)? What about at noon, 3 and 5 (5-7)? What happened that evening (8)? How much were the last-hired workers paid (9)? What did this prompt the first-hired workers to expect (10)? What happened instead (10)? How did they respond (11-12)? What did the landowner say to the first-hired workers (13-15)? How did Jesus sum up this parable (16)?
2. Why do you follow Jesus' teachings? Do you expect something from him in exchange for your obedience? Why or why not? When someone doesn't get what he or she deserves, be it good or bad, do you ever grumble against God? If so, repent of this judgmental attitude and ask the Holy Spirit to impart a vivid vision of Jesus' compassionate love. With a reinforced belief that God loves compassionately, what is one new way you will interact with him?

Day Two: Luke 5:27-31

1. What is the setting of this text (27)? What did Jesus say to Levi (27)? How did Levi respond (28)? Picture this moment in your mind; what does it look like? What did Levi do next (29)? Who came to the banquet (29)? What did this prompt the Pharisees to ask the disciples (30)? What was Jesus' response (31-32)? How would you characterize the Pharisees' behavior in this passage?
2. Meditate on Jesus' words in verses 31-32. Now, think about your own life. In the past few days of conversations, phone calls, texts, social media activity, etc., who is your priority? Do you fraternize with the healthy? Or with the sick? Do you call the righteous? Or do you point the lost toward Jesus? Pray for grace to build a bigger table in your life for outsiders, sinners, and the sick. What is the first step you can take to begin walking this out?

Day Three: Luke 13:1-9

1. What did some in the crowd tell Jesus (1)? What take did he have on the incident (2-3)? How did he turn the issue back around to those listening (3)? What other example did Jesus give in order to further prove his point (4-5)? Set the scene of the parable he then told (6). What did the vineyard owner say to the caretaker (7)? What did the caretaker want to do instead (8-9)?
2. Read Luke 15:21. How do these words of the lost son relate to Jesus' teaching on repentance here in Luke 13? "Unless you repent, you too will *all* perish." Jesus makes no exceptions. How does this make you feel? Now, consider the parable: you are the fig tree and Jesus is the caretaker; he wants to save you. Via this parable, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal new truths about God's compassion. Respond to whatever you sense him speaking.

Day Four: Luke 16:13-15

1. What did Jesus say no one can do (13)? Why (13)? What do you think of Jesus' word choices: hate, love, devoted and despise? What does Jesus reiterate, specifically in regard to God and money (13)? Describe how this applied to the Pharisees, and how they responded to Jesus' words (14). What did Jesus say to them (15)? Contrast what the world sees with what God sees (15).
2. In Luke 15, perhaps one reason the son left is because he found it impossible to serve both his father and his sinful desires. Do you feel similarly torn about who you ultimately serve? Talk to God about this struggle and repent. Even though God sees everything, including the darkness lurking in your heart, he is compassionate and longs for your return to him. Receive this invitation. How do you think this homecoming will continually impact your life?

Day Five: Galatians 2:15-21

1. Who is Paul addressing, and to whom does he compare them (15)? What justifies a person (16)? What does this mean "Jews by birth" must do (16)? Contrast faith in Jesus with works of the law (16). What does Paul say about the notion that "Christ promotes sin" (17-18)? What makes it possible to live for the Lord (19-20)? Why does Paul hold tight to the grace of God (21)? What does upholding the law fail to do (21)?
2. Paul insists here on the primacy of the gospel: the grace of God and justification are found in Jesus' death, not the law. Does this core conviction frame your thoughts about others and your behavior toward them, even your enemies? Has it transformed you into a more compassionate person? When it comes to how you treat others, ask God to reveal the impact of your belief in the gospel. What is He speaking and how should you respond?