

The King's Calling

The Gospel of Luke Chapters 15-19

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READ

- Luke's gospel from 9:51-19:44 begins with Jesus determined to go to Jerusalem and culminates with His triumphal entry to the city. This section could be summarized as "the Road to the Cross."
- Read Luke 16:14-18 and consider what lesson the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- This text begins with the Pharisees and scribes ridiculing Jesus (14). From a look at the context, what is it they are ridiculing Jesus about? What was the motive behind their ridicule?
- With what truths does Jesus confront them (15)?
- A major source of conflict between the Pharisees and scribes was the issue of authority: who had it and who had the right to use it. In that light, what does Jesus reveal about the source of His authority (16)?
- What does Jesus reveal about the ongoing relevance of the Old Testament (17)?
- One area, by means of example, that God's Word has authority over is marriage. What does Jesus reveal from God's Word about marriage, divorce and remarriage (18)?

APPLY

- What similarities do you notice between the Pharisees surrounding Jesus and professing believers in the church today? What traps can believers fall into that the Pharisees fell into, and how can we avoid them?
- How would you rephrase the Lord's teaching on marriage, divorce and remarriage? How does this compare with a typical view on those issues from a non-Christian? How does the Lord's teaching compare to the average Christian view of those issues?

PRAY

- Express faith and trust in the God who "knows your hearts." Repent with honesty before Him, and trust Him for forgiveness and spiritual wholeness.
- Thank the Lord Jesus for His unqualified, absolute authority. Praise Him for not taking our morality lightly but setting the standard for us, and paying the penalty for our immorality. Commit to trust him for grace to obey His Word.
- Pray for those in our church to have the high view of marriage that Jesus teaches. Ask for humility and brokenness within your marriage, trusting God to provide the love and faithfulness you need toward your spouse.

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