

ULC Sermon Study Resource
The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Subverts
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: If you could give a piece of advice to your younger self, what would it be?

Reading: Luke 21:1-9

Outline:

- I. Jesus subverts our gifts (v. 1-4)
 - a. Jesus is not concerned with the amount given, He is concerned with the faith present in the gift. Here, the widow demonstrates a radical dependency on God to provide for her.
 - b. God will take whatever we offer, regardless of the size, and use it for His purposes.
Q: *What did Jesus say that the rich people gave out of?*
- II. Jesus subverts our values (v. 5-6)
 - a. Jesus tells the disciples not to cling to what will be passing away (the temple) but to seek what is lasting (the kingdom).
 - b. Many people today seek a “nice life” which includes earthly things that will fade away.
Q: *What were the disciples admiring about the temple?*
- III. Jesus subverts our preparations (v. 7-9)
 - a. Jesus tells the disciples that they are more likely to be led astray if they are anxiously looking for signs that the end is near.
 - b. We can prepare for Jesus’ return by focusing on the Gospel and looking for ways to draw others to Him.
Q: *What does Jesus say will happen before the end comes?*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What gifts can you give to support the kingdom outside of financial support?
- 2) Can you think of any examples from your life about giving as a demonstration of faith?
- 3) What are you tempted to cling to that is passing away?
- 4) Do you know anyone who is tempted to anxiously identify the signs of Jesus’ return? How would you tell someone to avoid this, and what would you suggest they focus on instead?

Suggestions for further study:

- 1 Corinthians 12:14-20 **Q: *Who arranged the members of the body and what does this mean?***
- 1 John 2:15-17 **Q: *Where do the things of the world come from?***
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 **Q: *What does it mean to live in the light?***

Closing Prayer: Father, your son Jesus had a way of upending everything that we thought to be right. He subverts the way that we see the gifts that you have given to us, the way we understand what is valuable, and the way that we prepare for his coming. Lord, we ask that you would prepare us by drawing our eyes back to Jesus as we hear once again that He has come and died so that we might live eternally with Him. Give us faith to follow Jesus, and give us boldness to turn the eyes of others to Him as well. We ask this all in the name of Jesus, Amen.