



Luke 11: 29-54

The Penetrating Light of Jesus

Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 11:29-54

1. Read Luke 11:29-54. In 11:29 we are told that the crowds coming to hear Jesus are increasing. Why does Jesus tell the people that this is “a wicked generation”?
2. In what ways is Jesus greater than Solomon? In what ways is he greater than Jonah?
3. Discuss Luke 11:33-36. What is the main point of the parable of the lamp?
4. In Luke 11:41 Jesus says to the Pharisee, “be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.” What does he mean by that?
5. Luke 11:50-51 are really important verses in this portion of Scripture. How is the generation in which Jesus lived “responsible” for the blood of all those who spoke for God, beginning with Abel who was murdered by Cain in Genesis 4?

The Scriptures – Luke 11:29-54 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. What is the sign of Jonah?
7. Read 1 Kings 10:1-9, the OT passage which tells of the visit of the Queen of Sheba to see Solomon in Jerusalem. Why is she “overwhelmed” (1 Kings 10:5)?
8. Images of lamps and lights are evident all the way through the Scriptures. Read Matthew 6:19-24, comparing and contrasting Matthew’s use of this image with that of Luke.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 11:29-54 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. Luke teaches that we are blessed to see and hear Jesus. How do you do that in your daily life?
10. What needs to change in your life so that you are not like the Pharisees and scribes of Jesus’ day?
11. How can we pray and support you in your discipleship in response to this portion of Scripture?