



Sermon Notes: Dinner with Jesus

1. Do you love your own rules ...

or do you love mercy?

2. Do you love your own reputation ...

or do you love humility?

3. Do you love your own rewards ...

or do you love charity?

4. Do you love your own reality ...

or do you love generosity?

Gospel Applications:

1. Acknowledge that everything good in my life is due to the mercy, humility, charity, and generosity of Jesus Christ.
2. Acknowledge who/what I'm functionally living for.
3. Repent and choose to live a life of disinterested goodness towards others in need.

Practical Applications:



Application Questions: Dinner with Jesus

1. What are some corporate rules/policies or some personal *faux pas* you've seen get in the way of simple acts of mercy?
2. How do rules tend to diagnose and explain the misery of others? (e.g. The Pharisees of Jesus' day said physical maladies were punishment for personal sin.) What do these kinds of explanations do to mercy?
3. What are some things you observe people doing to enhance their status? To try to prove that their time, opinions, and experiences are superior to others'?
4. What are some common ways we're guided by the law of reciprocity in our day-to-day lives?
5. When's the last time someone showed "disinterested goodness" toward you? What did they do that was completely selfless? How did that make you feel?
6. What are some common, face-saving excuses you've heard from the people in your life? (e.g. "I can't come and pray because that's our family night.") How do these excuses demonstrate self-obsession and self-righteousness? Why do you think we're so hesitant to admit that we simply don't want to do what Christ calls us to?
7. What are some ways you prioritize the realities of property/possessions, occupation/vocation, and family/friends over the call of Christ? What face-saving explanations do you come up with to justify prioritizing the kingdom of self over the kingdom of God?
8. What are some self-diagnosis questions you can come up with to check your motives? (e.g. Before making this decision, did I think, "What's in it for me?" or did I selflessly seek the good of that other person?)
9. Make a list of practical ways to show "disinterested goodness" to others. (e.g. Give an anonymous gift...and then don't mention it on social media.) If you do one of these things each day this week, what do you think you'll learn about yourself?
10. What act of "disinterested goodness" will you do immediately?