

## Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke, part 54, May 31, 2020

1. Read John 13:34 (CSB)

That's not an option. It's not a suggestion. It's a command.

2. We are all created in the image and likeness of God. We are one race. The human race. We are one race but we are many ethnicities.

Read John 3:16. The world includes every ethnic group. Every one. We've got to live together. We must respect and love each other.

3. Read Ephesians 4:32. Racism is wrong. Racism is sin. Racists need to repent of their sin, turn to God and seek forgiveness. Those hurt by racism need to forgive and trust in God.

Jesus is the answer.

4. Read Luke 16:14-18. The Pharisees were a Jewish religious group that had a lot of influence. They were often at odds with Jesus because Jesus knew they were hypocrites.

A hypocrite is someone who does not \_\_\_\_ what they say.

5. The Pharisees scoffed at Jesus. Before we get on our self-righteous high horse, Don't we scoff at Jesus every time we \_\_\_\_\_ His teaching?"

6. Read Luke 16:15. The Pharisees were really good at trying to impress people. The problem is the only One who really matters does not see the same way that we see. We see what's on the outside but the Lord sees the heart. Read 1 Samuel 16:7

7. Read 16:15. We all have a natural tendency to believe that God likes what I like. But God's ways and God's thoughts are not like ours. His ways and His thoughts are so much higher.

Read Isaiah 55:8-9. All of our loves must be proved by God's Word.

We must be careful to love the same things that God loves.

8. Read Luke 16:17. God's Word will stand. Everything else might fail. Everything else will pass away. But not even one apostrophe will be lost.

9. Read Luke 16:18. Jesus' words here on divorce were an illustration of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. They took great pride in saying they obeyed God's law. But Jesus is saying,

"You hypocrites. You take the teaching of Moses about divorce and twist it and change it to suit your own selfish desires."

10. God knows our heart. He knows the truth. The issue is truth. The Pharisees scoffed at Jesus' teaching. How foolish. May we not make the same mistake. We can try to fool each other.

We can try to fool ourselves. Nobody is fooling God.