

Luke 6 Sunday live chat

Welcome

Summary

Over the week ahead, in the daily devotions we will look at Luke 6 in more detail. But Alex this week looked at three moments across Luke 4-6 Jesus paused and sought God before acting. Alex encouraged us to live from reflection not from reaction and find special spaces once a day, once a week, and once a month to do this. Alex suggested three lessons God might want to teach us as we do this:

- From Job: we see God more
- From Jesus: we obey God more
- From James: we grow in God more

Questions to stimulate discussion

1. What do you make of the moments Jesus draws aside “at daybreak...to a solitary place” (4:42); “to a lonely place to pray” (5:16); and “to a mountainside to pray” (6:12). What does it suggest about Jesus’ approach to key life moments?
2. What is the biggest challenge for you in crafting that time, like Jesus, to live from reflection not just reaction? How have you or could you overcome that challenge?
3. Alex quoted the phrase “suffering is the furnace of our refinement” suggesting these more difficult months and years could be used by God to refine and shape us in a special way. How do you feel about that?
4. Have you any experience of how suffering has helped you see God better, like Job. Or obeyed God more fully, like Jesus? Or grown more complete, as James suggests?
5. What approaches can we take that means suffering allows us to become better, not bitter?
6. What place do other Christians and meeting as church together have in that process?
7. How might you take these principles and explain them to someone who isn’t yet a Christian? Who could you use this good ‘life principle’ with as a way to start engaging them with Jesus?

Prayer