

Now Wonder They Crucified Him

Get Off Your High Horse – Luke 6:37-42

Discussion Points

March 10, 2018

Read & Reflect

1. Read Luke 6:37-42,
2. Look around in the rest of the chapter for other sayings of Jesus (vss. 17-49 are Luke's version of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount.") that may have sounded outrageous or offensive, or at least would have put listeners on their guard against this up-start teacher.

Explore

3. Can you identify a time when you ignored the plank in your own eye just to point out the speck in someone else's eye? Why do we have that tendency?
4. If grace means you get what you don't deserve, are there times when you are uncomfortable with grace? Perhaps in receiving grace? Perhaps in extending grace? Can you name a specific instance?
5. We are people of unclean lips (Isaiah 6:5); we are shifting sand (Mark 14:72); and we fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). In other words we can't save ourselves. Why would we even bother exercising grace (or any good works) ourselves?
6. Where do you most need Christ's help (grace) to exercise grace?
 - Reconciling with someone you judged harshly
 - Forgiving someone who hurt you
 - Bringing peace into a harsh or condemning environment
 - Showing mercy to a person in an undeserving situation

Pray:

- Confession: "Forgive [us], Lord. For [we] know not what [we] do" (Luke 23:34).
- Repentance: "Though our sins be as scarlet, make us white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).
- Renewal: "Create in me a pure heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10).

