

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,  
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

## Right Side Up: Your Balance Sheet

LUKE 6:43-45 | APRIL 5 & 6, 2014

This week's lesson is the final message from the Right Side Up series. Once again Jesus surprises us with his teaching. On the one hand, it is obvious that a life in relationship with Him would look different and be characterized by more love, joy, peace, patience or more. What is surprising is that Jesus' teaching does not push for us to DO more, but to BE more.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

## WITH THE GROUP



### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Have you ever tended a garden or kept a houseplant? How well do you do helping living things thrive? What are some tips, tricks or keys to doing this well?



### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Read Luke 6:45 carefully. What does the verse suggest is the greatest influencer of fruitfulness (good or bad)?

How is "good fruit" more than will-power and behavior modification? (Consider Ephesians 2:8-9)



### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Read John 15:1-17. What is the heart of Jesus' teaching here? What kind of promises or warnings do you see? If you distilled Jesus' teaching to 2-3 main ideas here, what are they?



### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

What kind of tree are you? What kind of fruit are you producing? Apple tree? Crab apple tree? Thorn bush?

Does the gospel message create tension between faith and grace vs. obedience and works?

## ON YOUR OWN



### PRACTICING

Take note this week of evidence of "fruit" in your life according to Galatians 5:22-23? Is there enough fruit for a "snack? A meal? To feed a whole family"? Is there a bumper crop or scarcity?



### PRAYING

Father, as I seek to abide in you, I pray that you would fill me with gratitude and joy around your grace revealed in me. Help me know what it means to walk in grace, to abide in you and to bear much fruit.

## MEMORIZING



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23a)