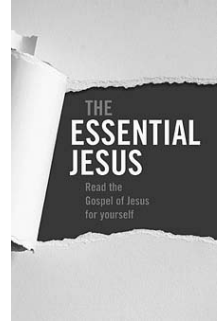




ESSENTIAL JESUS Bible Study 12

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STEP 1: READING

Read Luke chapter 6, verses 20-49.

STEP 2: REFLECTION

Jesus to his disciples: if you want to follow me, understand three things. First, what is God doing? He is introducing his kingdom and human perceptions and values are going to be overturned. We discount the poor, the hungry, the sad, the persecuted. God is doing his greatest work among such persons. When they understand that they have nothing to offer God, they are truly blessed. Woe comes to those whom we admire for their wealth and success. Second, what God is like? Your heavenly Father is kind, merciful and generous to the unjust, the outcast, the sinner. As his child, you must love them too, even when it calls upon you to forgive rather than judge. Third, what does God ask of you? To build your entire life on my words. You call me 'Lord' – well do as I say, or you will fall under God's judgement.

STEP 3: DISCUSSION

1 What is the relation between this teaching of Jesus and the Old Testament Law of God?

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2 What is Jesus saying about himself in the parable of the two houses at the end of this chapter?

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3 How practical is the teaching of Jesus about love?

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