

# One Year Bible – Week 15

## **Summary: Luke Reading**

Jesus speaks a great deal against his critics, mostly Pharisees. He also encourages believers to be rich toward God and not worrying about the concerns of the world. He calls them to be mindful of God's grander picture and he continues to teach the cost of what it means to follow him.

## **Summary: Deuteronomy / Joshua Reading**

Deuteronomy finishes with the transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua. Moses then dies without entering the Promised Land. The book of Joshua begins with YHWH commissioning Joshua and Joshua leading the Israelites to begin to enter the Promised Land.

## **Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:**

- *NT* – Jesus often speaks firm words to the Pharisees (Jewish religious leaders) for the way they have distorted the truth of God's Word. In Lk 11:52 Jesus says to them, "Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge." In this verse Jesus is not elevating knowledge as the goal for the faithful, rather he is addressing the experts of the law as an obstacle to knowing God and his truth. What other examples in your reading do you notice Jesus correcting a distortion of God or his Word? What do you learn about who God is and what he wants from each of these corrections? – *Apr 6*
- *OT* – Read through Joshua chapter 1. What phrase(s) do you notice being repeated in this passage? (recall also Dt 31:6-8 when Moses is speaking to Joshua before the Israelites) What do you think is significant about this repetition? What does this repetition indicate about God? How can these observations help you in your own walk with God? – *Apr 10*
- *OT* – The story of Rahab the prostitute is found in Joshua chapter 2. Rahab is listed as one of Jesus' descendants (Mt 1:5) and upheld as an example of righteousness and faith in other NT books. (Jas 2:25; Heb 11:31) What do you observe about the character and actions of Rahab? What thoughts do you have as you read the passages in James and Hebrews? How can we learn from the story of Rahab? – *Apr 10*

## **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *OT* – Read Deuteronomy 29:18-29. What do you think "the secret things" in verse 29 refers to? How does the context of this verse help

- us to understand its meaning? What point is verse 29 trying to make? How does this verse inform the way we live in relationship to God? – *Apr 6*
- 2) *OT* – Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20. How does this passage describe God's command (v 11-14)? How does this invitation to choose make you feel? (v 15-20) What do you think is meant by the word "life" in this context? Share some reactions to this phrase in verse 20, "For YHWH is your life." What does this mean in your life? How would you convey this to someone who is not a Christian? – *Apr 6*
- 3) *NT* – Jesus warns of the power of greed in Lk 12:13-21. What do you think he meant by his words in the latter part of verse 15? Is Jesus talking solely about finances in this parable or is there something else? Do you observe anything in the passage that helps understand Jesus' charge? How easy or difficult is it for you to exhibit greed in your own life? How can we be encouraged away from a heart of greed? – *Apr 7*
- 4) *OT* – Read Proverbs 12:18. What contrast is being made in this verse? Have you observed this to be true in your life? Share any stories that come to mind that relate to this verse. – *Apr 5*

## **Journal the Psalms this week:**

What does the word *identity* mean to you? What is the significance of identity? How does identity practically manifest itself in your daily life? Journal about your answers to the above questions, then read Psalm 79:13. Journal your observations about the identity of the Psalmist as stated in this verse. How does this verse change or affirm your answers to the above questions? – *Apr 10*

## **A Lenten Sermon-related Question:**

Describe a time in your life when you were able to say: "Yes" to someone in need because you were willing to say: "No" to yourself.

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## **Reading Schedule:**

Dt = Deuteronomy / Jos = Joshua / Lk = Luke / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Apr 5 – Dt 28:1-68 / Lk 11:14-36 / Ps 77:1-20 / Pr 12:18  
Apr 6 – Dt 29:1-30:20 / Lk 11:37-12:7 / Ps 78:1-31 / Pr 12:19-20  
Apr 7 – Dt 31:1-32:27 / Lk 12:8-34 / Ps 78:32-55 / Pr 12:21-23  
Apr 8 – Dt 32:28-52 / Lk 12:35-59 / Ps 78:56-64 / Pr 12:24  
Apr 9 – Dt 33:1-29 / Lk 13:1-21 / Ps 78:65-72 / Pr 12:25  
Apr 10 – Dt 34:1-Jos 2:24 / Lk 13:22-14:6 / Ps 79:1-13 / Pr 12:26  
Apr 11 – Jos 3:1-4:24 / Lk 14:7-35 / Ps 80:1-19 / Pr 12:27-28