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Freedom Sunday: Advocacy

Luke 16:19-31 & 18:1-8

Introductory Observations

- *Who are the needy at our gates* ?

Luke 16:19-21

- *Do we have compassion* ?

Luke 16:22-26

- *Has salvation / the resurrection changed us* ?

Luke 16:27-31

Closing Application

Persist for justice / Advocate !

Luke 18:1-8



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Go Deep Study Guide

The Heart of God

Luke 15:1-32

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read **Luke 16:19-31 & 18:1-8**. Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

What stands out to you in our passage? Is there anything that you find troubling? Share your observations

Which statistic (global or local) hit-home with you the most? Why?

What is your experience with issues of injustice? How has it affected you?

Have you ever served in an advocacy role? Share

Do you agree with IJM founder Gary Haugen that there is an inseparable link between violence and poverty? What does this mean in terms of our response?

Who are some of the **needy at our gates** within Ventura? What can we do to help them? Do you know any of these people personally? Start by asking their name & taking the time to hear their story.

What are some ways that we can demonstrate **compassion** for the disadvantaged of Ventura County?

Read and discuss the following verses: **Proverbs 19:17; 21:13 & 28:27**

How has your salvation changed you? What difference has Christ's resurrection made in your life? What are some ways that other people would know this?

How can we **persist in our advocacy** for the disadvantaged?

Read the following verses that talk about the bold & confident access we have to God: **Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 4:14-16 & Hebrews 10:19-22**. How can we use our position of privilege to intercede for those less fortunate than us?

Application

What's holding you back from receiving God's love today? What can you do to change this?

Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to prayer@cbcventura.org

