

Message Cheat Sheet

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LUKE

Luke 6:43-49

How can we become the Christ-centered church our world so desperately needs? Join us in Luke's Gospel, the most expansive biography of Jesus in the Bible. With the beloved physician as our guide, we hope to experience Jesus so we can participate with the new reality God is bringing into our world.

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The Big Idea

How can a person build a life of integrity, a life that won't crumble? Only by coming to Jesus, hearing His words and doing them!

Good to Know

- This is where Jesus closes out the most famous sermon ever preached and drops the mic! Just like a good preacher today, Jesus wanted to drive home the crucial point: Don't just walk away—act on my words. There will be plenty of people who pay lip service to Jesus, but only those who respond in obedience to the King will reap the benefits of His kingdom in the end.
- **"Bad" (v. 43)** is the Greek word *sapros*, which means rotten or decaying. Both the bad fruit and the bad tree are useless to anyone.
- **"Each tree is known by its fruit" (v. 44)** means that our character reveals our spiritual health. Just as a tree's roots and branches work together to produce something good, nurturing and valuable, so should it be with us. This is a powerful metaphor frequently used by Isaiah to test the spiritual health of God's people. Jesus and Paul also used it often.
- **"Figs and grapes" (v. 44)** were as common around Palestine as corn and soybeans are in Wisconsin.
- **"Like a man who is building a house" (v. 48)** is a hyperlink back to Ezekiel 13, where God called the bluff of false prophets whose "whitewashed walls" would crumble in a storm of God's wrath. Even though their lives looked good on the outside, they were weak and unstable.
- **"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" (v. 46)** – Many Christians say that what you believe saves you, but Jesus adds "Yes, you need to believe in me, but you also need to obey me."
- **"Rock" (v. 48)** – Other Jewish rabbis taught similar parables, but for them, the "rock" was the Torah (the five books of Moses). Here, Jesus makes an incredible claim: HIS words are the rock! This would have shocked His audience because He was essentially saying that His teaching was on par with Moses'.

Group Guide

Following the series with your group?

- Start with some [icebreaker questions](#).
- Read the passage together before you dive in.
- Share any insights from the message. Use the questions below to get your conversation started.

Conversation Starters

1. Jesus says, "Each tree is known by its fruit" (v. 44). What kind of "fruit" (words, actions, attitudes) do you see showing up in your life regularly? Your family? Your Church?
2. How do our daily habits—what we listen to, watch, read and stress about—affect the fruit we produce?
3. Jesus says, "Out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (v. 45). If someone only knew you by the words you say in private, what would they assume about your heart?
4. Jesus asks, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" (v. 46). What do you think He means by this?
5. Jesus describes two builders—one who builds on rock and one on sand. What does it practically look like to build your life on Jesus' words?
6. Can you think of a time when a storm in your life revealed what your foundation really was? What did you learn?
7. What is one step you can take this week to live more fully under the Lordship of Jesus?

Prayer

Lord, together we ask You to reveal the true condition of our hearts through the fruit in our lives. Help us to follow You, not just in words but in obedience, surrendering fully to your Lordship. Build us up on the solid foundation of your truth so that we may stand firm and reflect your love in all we do.

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