

Sermon Guide

Luke 7:18-35, Jude 1:24



► In Luke 7:18-20, John the Baptist sends two of his disciples to Jesus to see if He was “the one who was to come” (v. 20). When did you come to the place in your spiritual pilgrimage when you knew Jesus was “the one” you were looking for? How did you come to this understanding? What difference has it made?

Read [Luke 7:18-35](#)

1. How does John receive information about Jesus? Why can't he get it firsthand (see Luke 3:20)?
2. How does Jesus answer John's question? Why doesn't he answer directly? What six things characterize Jesus' ministry?
3. How might John interpret Jesus' reply (See Isaiah 29:18-19; 35:5-6; 61:1)?
4. How does the people's response to John compare to that of the Pharisees?
5. What is the meaning of Jesus' parable in vv. 31-35?

GROW



► Looking at verses 33-34, are you more like John or Jesus in your lifestyle? Would you be more effective in sharing the Gospel if you lived differently? Why or why not?

► Have you ever felt jealous of the Old Testament prophets such as Moses, Elijah, or Elisha? Why or why not? How does verse 28 encourage you? you live your life?

GLORIFY

- Sometimes we expect God to approach us on our own terms. Much like the children sitting in the marketplace, we expect Jesus to dance to our own tune, and fit into our expectations of what a “Savior” should be. Like the people and the tax collectors in verse 29, let us come to God humbly, listening to Jesus' words, acknowledging that God's way is right, and recognizing our need for his grace and forgiveness in our lives. Listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to “[My Savior My God](#)” by Aaron Shust.