

GCI Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study: The Life of Jesus

Praises and Prayers

Reading of the text:

Jesus commends John the Baptist:

Luke 7:24-35 (12), Matthew 11:7-19 (13)

1. Luke 7:24-27, Matthew 11:7-10

A. Jesus addresses the crowd concerning John.

1. What did you go out to see?

- a. A reed shaken by the wind
- b. A man dressed in soft clothes
- c. A prophet

2. More than a prophet. Who is he? (Malachi 3:1)

2. Luke 7:28, Matthew 11:11

A. None greater than John

B. The least in the Kingdom is greater. (?)

3. Matthew 11:12-14

A. From John to now the Kingdom

1. Suffers violence

2. Violent men take it by force

B. Prophets and the Law prophesied until John

C. John is Elijah (?) Malachi 4:5

4. Luke 7:29-30

A. Two reactions to the ministry of John the Baptist

1. "All the people" and tax collectors

a. Declared God just

b. Having been baptized

2. Pharisees and Lawyers

a. Rejected the purpose of God

b. Not receiving baptism

5. He who has ears let him hear! (Matthew 11:15)

6. Jesus compares "this" generation to children. (Matthew 11:16-19, Luke 7:31-34)

A. We played you did not dance.

B. We sang you did not mourn.

C. John came neither eating or drinking

1. You say he has a demon

D. Jesus came eating and drinking

1. You say he is a friend of drunkards, tax collectors, and sinners.

7. KEY TEXT

A. WISDOM IS JUSTIFIED BY HER CHILDREN (Luke 7:35)

B. WISDOM IS JUSTIFIED BY HER DEEDS (Matthew 11:19)

C. Proverbs 8-9

NEXT WEEK: Jesus rebukes 3 cities: Matthew 11:20-30