

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#72 – “Is It Worth It?” – Luke 18:28-34

I. Introduction

A. We all have doubts.

1. Christians in various seasons of their life experience doubts about the faith.
2. Doubts become greater when adversity is encountered.
Is the investment worth it?

B. Peter raised this sort of doubt to Jesus.

1. Context – The question arises just after the rich young ruler exchange with Jesus – Luke 18:27

II. Exposition

A. Luke 18:28

1. How much do you have to leave behind in order to enter the kingdom?
 - a. Some think Peter lacks assurance.
 - b. David Gooding’s comments
 - c. William Hendriksen’s comments
2. Matthew’s account is clearer – Matthew 19:27.

B. Luke 18:29-30

1. All-encompassing promise

2. Leaving family behind – strange to us, but not in many regions of the world.

3. Verse 30, Blessings for now and later

4. J. C. Ryle’s comments

C. Luke 18:31-33

1. A question of worth. There is a shift from is it worth it for us to invest in the Kingdom to is it worth it for Jesus to invest (die) for us.
 - a. Yes. Note the active obedience of Christ.
2. Son of Man imagery – Daniel 7:13
 - a. What did Jesus think the prophet saw?
 1. David – Psalm 22:1, 7, 15, 18
 2. Isaiah 53: 5, 7

D. Luke 18:34

1. The disciples did not understand.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Whatever we give up in time, talent and treasure in this life will be abundantly supplied in this life and the next.
- B. Let’s think a little more deeply about eternal life.
- C. For Jesus, we were worth it.