

FOR THE BODY: *EXTENDED RESOURCE PAGE*

LESSON ONE

April 8, 2018

1. GOSPEL OF INCLUSION FROM LUKE'S GOSPEL

Passages mentioned in sermon: Luke 7:36-50 and Luke 8:1-3

Additional inclusion teachings/stories from Luke:

- Mary and Elizabeth – Luke 1:26-56
- Anna – Luke 2:33-40
- Widow – Luke 7:11-17
- 3 Parables of Inclusion – Luke 15
- Women from Galilee – Luke 8:1-3; Luke 23:50-56; 24:1-12

Reflection Questions:

- What do these passages reveal about the life and ministry of Jesus?
- Specifically, how were women treated in these texts?

2. SPIRIT OF GOD GIFTING PEOPLE FOR HIS WORK

Passage mentioned in sermon: Acts 2:17-21 (quotation from Joel 2:28-32)

Additional examples of God gifting his people for the good of the church:

- Romans 12:1-21
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-12
- Ephesians 4:1-16
- 1 Peter 4:7-11

Reflection Questions:

- According to these texts, who has God gifted and why has he gifted them?
- What do we learn about God from the different gifts listed in each text?

3. EXAMPLES OF GOD'S PEOPLE LEADING FROM GIFTEDNESS

Here are a few healthy examples from Scripture of using our giftedness for the good of the body/church/God's people.

- 2 Kings 22:1-20 & 2 Chronicles 34:14-28
- Acts 15:1-35 (note the actions of a prophet from vv. 30-32 and 1 Cor. 14:1-3...sounds like our modern day preachers...certainly, there is a predictive element: Acts 11:27-28.)
- Acts 18:1-28 & 1 Corinthians 11:1-16
- Titus 2:1-5

Reflection Questions:

- For each of these passages, consider how we are encouraged to take a different view of women in the life of the church as compared to past teachings and current practices.