

Apprenticing Jesus || A Series Through the Gospel of Luke

A new way of seeing

Sermon Synopsis: We want to experience God, but our preconceived notions of how he will move in our lives gets in the way. Those notions are our way of being in control. But to receive from God, we need to break out of those categories. Jesus broke categories with meals.

Themes: **Metaphors:** seeing, goggles, categories

Luke 7:24-35 (ESV)

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you."

I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

"To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not weep."

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

When things don't turn out the way we thought (Dodger Game). It's ok...what did I come to see?
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We all want to know God—that's why we're here

Problem: we can only see God the way we want (**blue goggles**)

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They wearing blue glasses—they couldn't see the move of God in front! – Caveat

We construct categories as a means of control

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For **John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine**, and you say, '**He has a demon.**' (33)

Pharisees would reject Jesus too, because he didn't fit their way of seeing
The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A **glutton and a drunkard**, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' (34) 2 Cor. 4:6

Jesus had a way of breaking down categories and taking off the glasses: meals
Categories reveal our insecurity. You can try this!

Yet wisdom is justified by all her children. (35)

Wisdom = allowing Jesus to create new categories for you—to see how He sees