

## The Gospel According to Luke: Week 13

### *Marching Orders*

Luke 6:43–49, Galatians 5:19–26, James 1:22–25

**The Big Idea:** Our faith in Jesus should be plain and obvious to all who see us. You can see an apple tree because it produces apples, just like you should see a Christ follower because of the fruit our lives produce. True faith can be seen, and true faith stands the test of time.

#### **Main Points:**

1. Examine your fruit.
2. Build your foundation on the rock.
3. Committing to follow Jesus is committing to serve.

#### **Questions for individual Bible study or group discussion:**

1. Read Luke 6:43–45. How can we identify the difference between what is good fruit and what is bad fruit? How do you examine the fruit in your own life?
2. Read the following statement: *“It is not merely the wicked, the bearer of poison berries, that will be cut down; but the neutral, the man who bears no fruit of positive virtue must also be cast into the fire.”* – Charles Spurgeon. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that there is no such thing as “neutral” fruit?
3. Read Galatians 5:19–26. What are some examples of the desires of the flesh that you struggle with? What are some of the fruits of the Spirit that you would like to develop?
4. Read Luke 6:46–49. What is the difference between hearing and listening? Why is hearing not enough?
5. According to this passage, what is the difference between those who know Jesus as Lord and those who do not? Why is obedience such a critical part of our faith?
6. How are you serving in your life right now? If you aren’t, where can you begin serving?