



# Good News for the Poor

A two-part series on  
The Gospel of Luke

## **February 26, 2023 | First Sunday of Lent**

Luke 10:25–37 | *“Desire Mercy”*

The parable of the good Samaritan is a story about movement: a man was going down, robbers appear, a priest is also going down, then a Levite, then a Samaritan. We see movement away from, and toward, trouble. But there is spiritual movement as well. Are we moved to cleanliness or compassion?

## **March 5, 2023 | Second Sunday of Lent**

Luke 11:5–13 | *“Fatherly Gifts”*

The basis for all prayer is the object being prayed to. For many “God” can be a foreign “thing” that we need to manipulate with fervency to “get what we want.” But, Jesus changes that picture. God is his Father and, now, our Father too. That Father desires to give us good gifts. So we can go to Him with confidence and trust that when we ask He will respond with good things. The key is not fervent desire for things, but earnest longing for Him!

## **March 12, 2023 | Third Sunday of Lent**

Luke 12:13–21 | *“Live Like It’s the Last Day”*

“Fool” is a biblical term and category. It is the title given to the person who behaves as if there were no God or like God cannot see or like God will not judge. That person is a fool because there is a God who does see and will judge justly. We are merely stewards of all we have and we must give an account for how we handle it.

## **March 19, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Luke 12:22–34 | *“Kingdom First”*

Can we safely reorganize our lives around the kingdom of God that is present in Jesus Christ? Don’t we need to be wise and “help ourselves?” There is a tension that has to be met as we encounter Jesus’s words to trust our Father to provide all our needs. How do we put the kingdom first today?

## **March 26, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Luke 14:25–35 | *“Not So Fast”*

Discipleship to Jesus is costly, it’s extreme and it’s not to be entered into lightly. Are we ready to reorganize our lives around the kingdom? Will we go the distance and face the consequences of giving our allegiance to king Jesus? Only if we are can we be a benefit to the surrounding culture.

## **April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday**

Luke 19:28–44 | *“The Means for Peace”*

Pastor Anatoliy Byelyy from Harvest City Church (Executive Pastor) will reflect on the peace that Jesus, our Messiah, brings while reflecting on the current war in his home country of Ukraine.