

M*A*S*H Bible Study 9/19/07 1st year 15th episode Tuttle

Luke 16:1-10

Does the end justify the means?

What does the parable say about it?

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What similarities and differences do you see in the parable and the episode?

Do the actions of Hawkeye, Radar & Trapper match those of the manager?

Do we like this parable and the manager? Does Tuttle help us like him more?

Who do the actions of the owner match? those of Henry & the nuns? Frank & Hot lips?

Who do the actions of the tenants match? " "

Why do you think people pretended to know Tuttle? Henry Frank Hot lips

Is there a little Tuttle in all of us? Do we all make up Tuttle?

Is ethical action always right?

Is unethical action always wrong?

If answer to either of the above is no, then how do we decide when?

Is there a difference between the original giving supplies to the orphanage and diverting Tuttle's pay & insurance?

How do we experience parables in our lives?

Jeremiah 32:6-15

Can total destruction be restored?

What does the story say about it?

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What similarities and differences do you see in the Jeremiah story and the episode?

Can we see Ty Dong as similar to Jerusalem?

How do we imagine life continuing?

The Army rebuilds Ty Dong in a reasonably short time, Jerusalem takes a lot longer (40 years of captivity)

Are promises enough?

Forgiveness and restoration

Taking responsibility for the mistaken bombing takes longer.

How do we experience God's promise in our lives?

Luke 17:1-10

How much faith is enough? Why do the apostles ask for more?

What does forgiving & repenting look like?

How do you understand the mustard seed verse?

How do you see the servant/master relationship worked out in the church?

In your relationships outside the church?

Within yourself and God?

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Is forgiving as tough as the duty at the aid station?

How about Christian service in general?

What place does our duty play in God's grace?

Where is the grace in the episode?

Is there a difference in how the 3 of them 'volunteer'?

Does it affect how they do their job?

What is your reaction to Hawkeye saying "the least I can do is the least I can Do"?

Should Christian duty be as tough as the aid station?

or should Christian duty be happier?

Is service at the MASH also Christian duty? (in the context of this episode)

What do you think of Frank's complaining while they are gone?

Do Hawkeye, Margaret & Klinger develop a new relationship? Does it last after they return?

How do we experience God's promise in our lives?

What does Margaret's reluctance to operate tell us about our reluctance to move beyond our normal ability?

What do you think about the reactions of Hawkeye, Margaret & Klinger on their return?

How about Henry & Trapper, Frank & Radar?

M*A*S*H Bible Study 10/17/07 2nd year 12th episode The Incubator

Luke 18:1-8

How much persistence is enough?

Is the parable about persistence or something else?

Do you see any parallels with the book of Job? Any other passages?

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Does the incubator represent justice?

What happens when justice is not what we want?

How do we decide in our own lives about when to persist in prayer and when to 'give it to God' and get on with life?

Does the parable (or the MASH episode) cause us to think about our definition of prayer? Is prayer only conversation with God, or does it also have an action component?

2 Timothy 4:1-18

This text is not theology in the same way as much of Paul's writings. Rather it is a personal letter to a friend, possibly a successor in the ministry.

Some is personal advice - vs 2, 9-13

Some is professional advice (warning) - vss 3-5, 14-15

Some is testimony - vss 6-8, 16-18

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How do Paul and Henry act the same?

How differently?

We see the reaction of the people in MASH

How do you think Timothy (people) reacted to the letter?

Are there similar circumstances today?

If so, do we act like the folks in MASH?

Which ones and how?

Do we have any evidence that Timothy heeded the advice (counsel) of Paul?

When we receive that type advice, do we heed it?

Are there better ways to provide that type of counsel?

The final scene in the operating room was not given to the cast until they were ready to shoot. Do you think it made a difference in how it was played to not have any notice? Can we ever be prepared for these kind of announcements?

Does it make any difference whether Henry was going home or dieing? In terms of not seeing Henry again, do you think any of them would have seen him again after the war? Who?

Paul alludes to his impending retirement, and also to his death.