

# Luke 11:45-54 | CG Notes

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## A. Explore

**Review Luke 11:45-54.** (You may also wish to review Luke 11:37-44 for context.)

- v. 45 - Part of Jesus' role is also that of a teacher. How does his own teaching ministry act as a counter example to what the Lawyers are being charged with here?
- v. 46 - What are some modern examples of "burdens hard to bear" that religious leaders can create today?
- vv. 47-48 - Why did God send prophets? (Consider Jeremiah 26:12-13.) Why did God's people so often reject the prophets? (cf. 2 Chronicles 18:7)
- vv. 49-51 - Who was Abel? (See Genesis 4.) Why does Jesus list him as a prophet?
- v. 52 - How could a local church hinder people from coming to Faith?
- vv. 53-54 - How is this final detail critical to the development of the overall story unfolding in Luke?

## B. Apply

**Pick one or more of these to consider as you close:**

- For the second time in Luke 11 we see Jesus be quite pointed with a group of people living in error. Does his directness surprise you? How are these denunciations also acts of mercy? How might God use judgments in your own life for your good?
- If you can read the Bible for yourself (plus, with the internet and Google), does the modern church still need teachers? Why or why not? If so, what should their role be?
- The Pharisees and Lawyers added layers of interpretation and tradition to the Truth that made following God overly difficult. But is interpretation and some tradition ever appropriate? What role can or should interpretation/tradition/opinion play in the church?
- Who is a believer just behind you on the journey of Faith? How can you, personally, make that journey easier for them?
- How can Immanuel Church make knowledge of God and the Faith more accessible to others?
- How might we not only take away the key of knowledge from others, but fail to enter into the knowledge of Christ as well?