

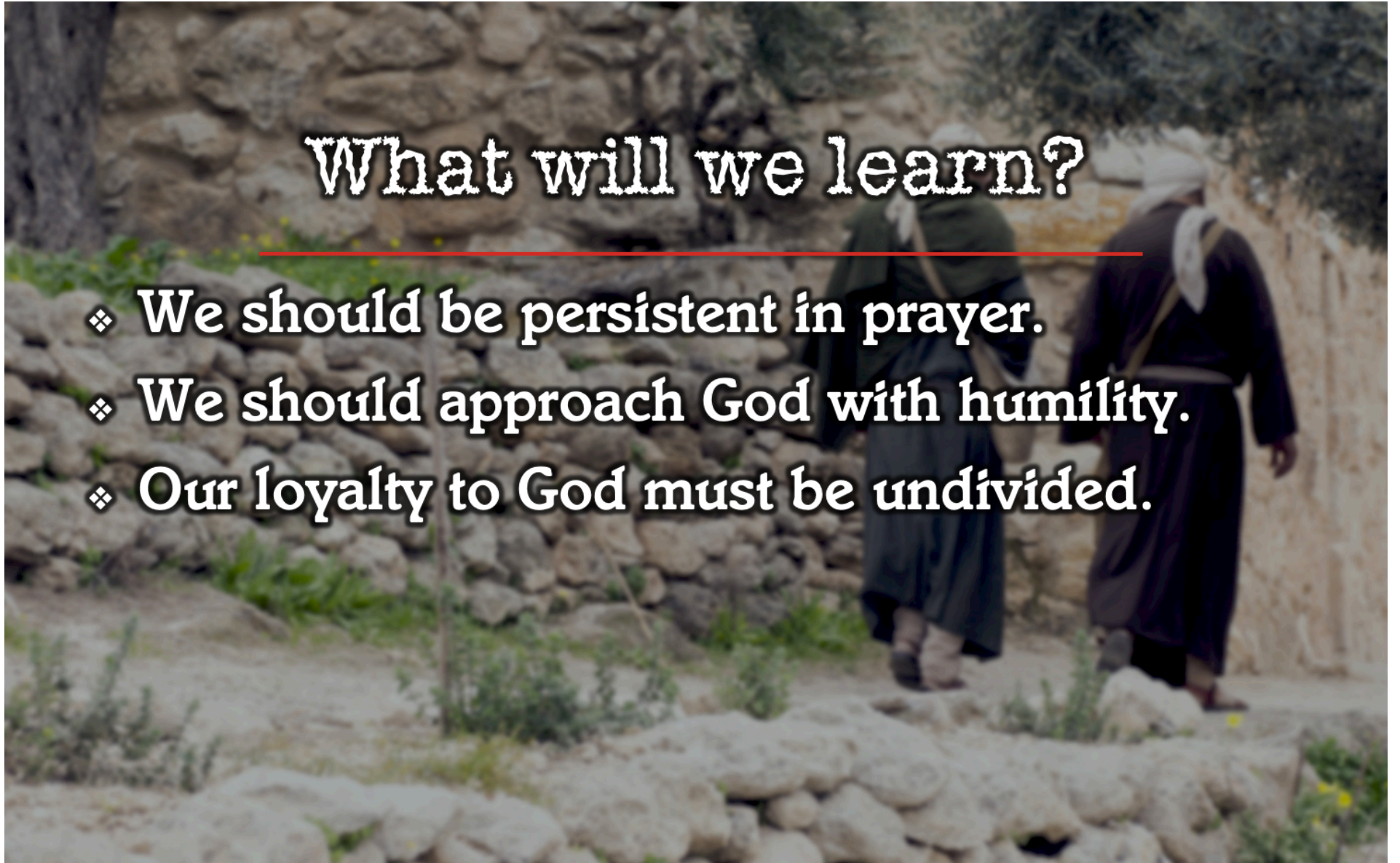
A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a dirt path. They are positioned in front of a large, rustic stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The man on the left is wearing a dark green robe and has a light-colored bag slung over his shoulder. The man on the right is wearing a dark purple or brown robe. The background shows some greenery, including a tree trunk on the left and some bushes on the right. The overall scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment.

“Always Pray”
Luke 18:1-34

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What will we learn?

- ❖ We should be persistent in prayer.
- ❖ We should approach God with humility.
- ❖ Our loyalty to God must be undivided.





The Gospel of Luke

- ❖ I – The Launch (1:1-9:50)
 - ❖ November, 2018 – June, 2019
- ❖ II – The Teachings (9:51- 19:27)
 - ❖ October, 2019 – Spring, 2020
- ❖ III – Jerusalem (19:28 – 24:53)
 - ❖ Fall, 2020 or Spring, 2021

Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Savior
- ❖ Christ
- ❖ Lord
- ❖ Son of David
- ❖ Son of Abraham
- ❖ Son of Adam
- ❖ Son of God
- ❖ Son of Man
- ❖ Suffering Servant
- ❖ Lamb of God
- ❖ Healer
- ❖ Great Teacher
- ❖ “Holy One of God”
- ❖ Bridegroom

Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
 - ❖ A great prophet
 - ❖ “Master”
 - ❖ “Son of the Most High God”
 - ❖ God’s Messiah
- ❖ “My Son, whom I have chosen”

Northern Israel

in the time of Christ

GREAT SEA
(The Mediterranean)

Ashkelon

Phoenicia

PTOLEMAIS

Galilee

CAPERNAUM

BETHSAIDA

CANA

SEA OF GALILEE

NAZARETH

CAESAREA

Decapolis

Samaría

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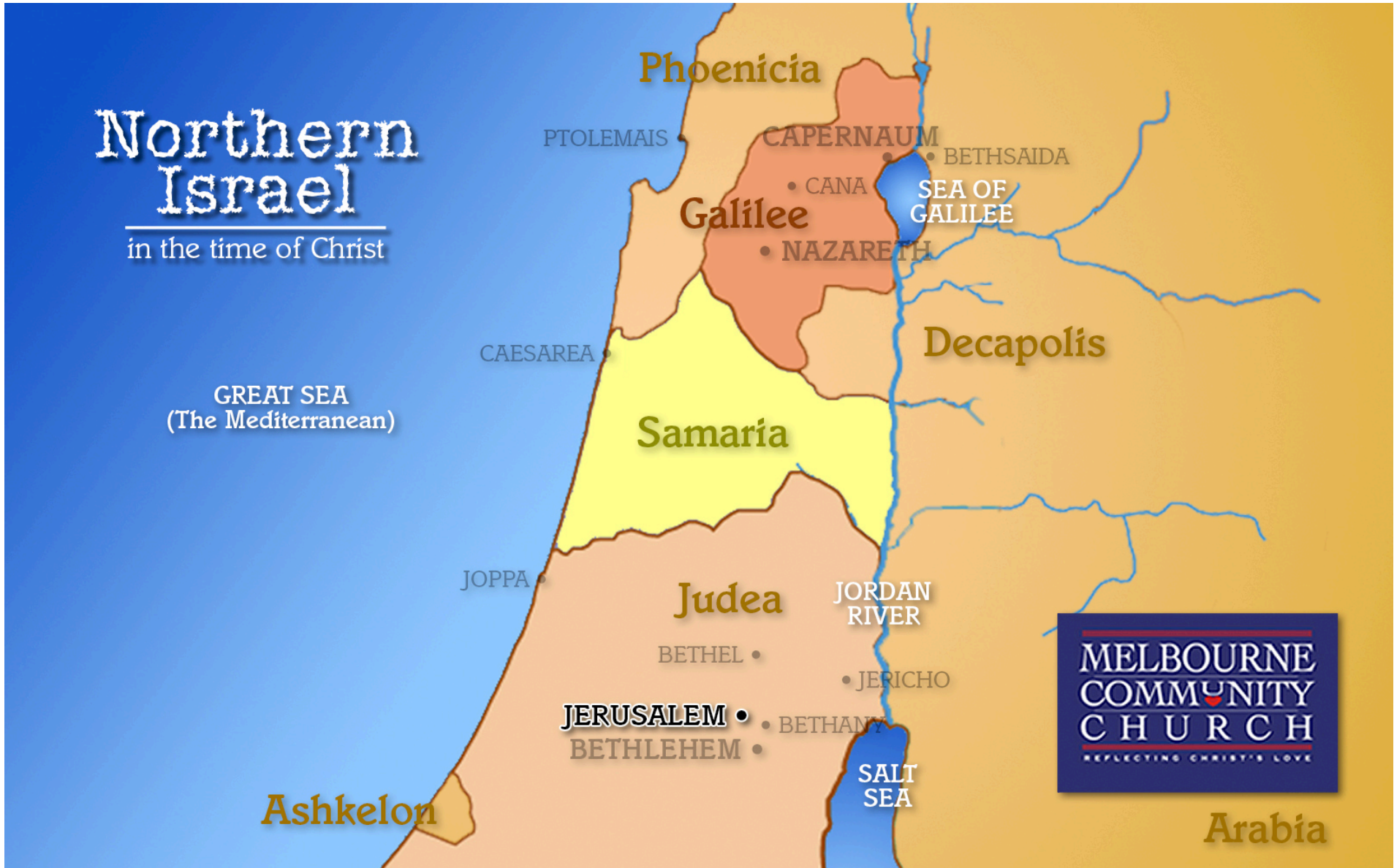
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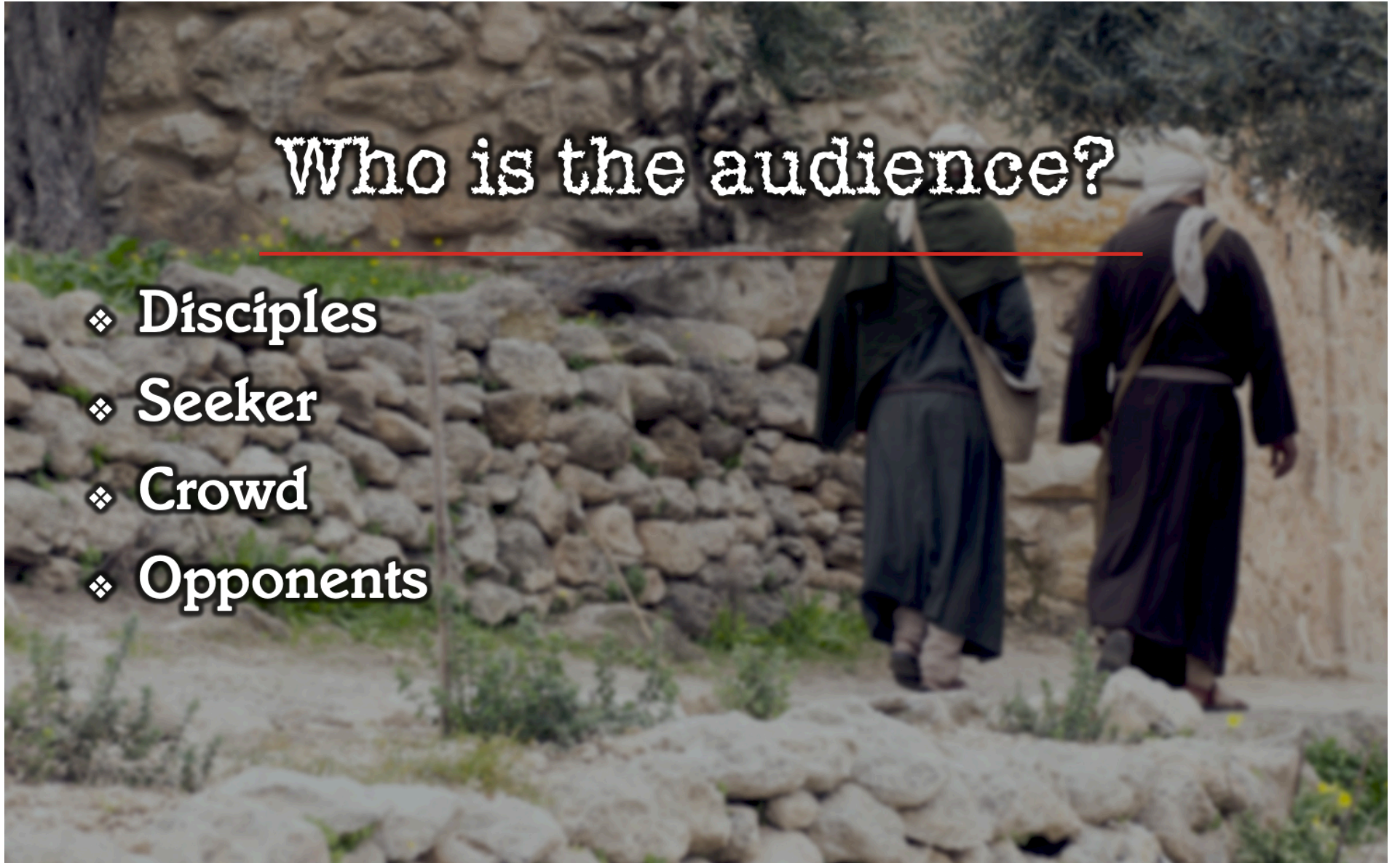
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MELBOURNE
COMMUNITY
CHURCH
REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE



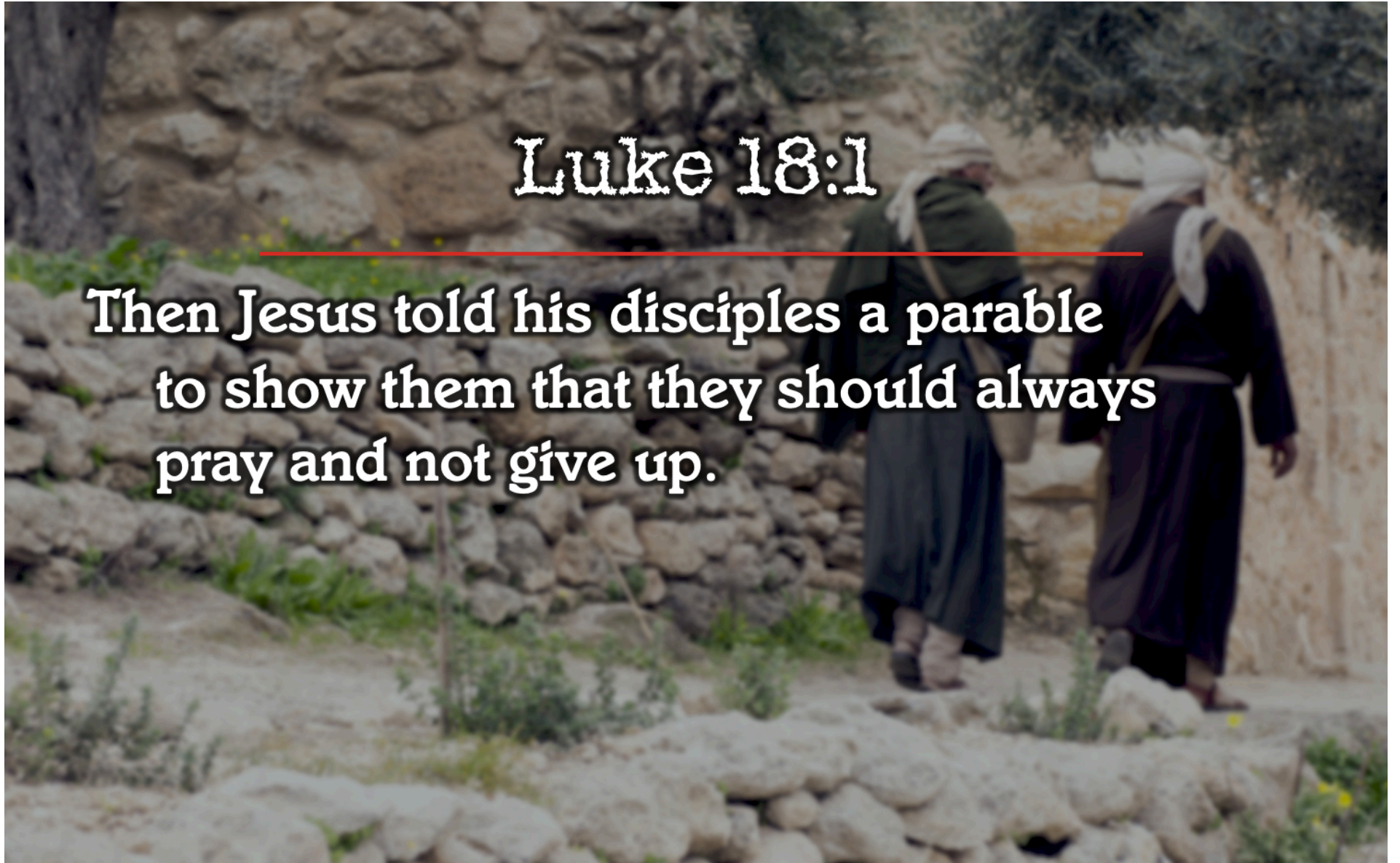
Who is the audience?

- ❖ Disciples
- ❖ Seeker
- ❖ Crowd
- ❖ Opponents



Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.



Luke 18:2-3

He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’”

Widows:

- ❖ Law – Exodus 22:22-24; Deuteronomy 10:18
- ❖ Wisdom – Psalm 146:9
- ❖ Prophets- Jeremiah 7:6-7; Ezekiel 22:7; Zechariah 7:9-10

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.



Luke 18:4-5

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

Luke 18:6-7

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?"

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Luke 18:8

“I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Luke 18:9-10

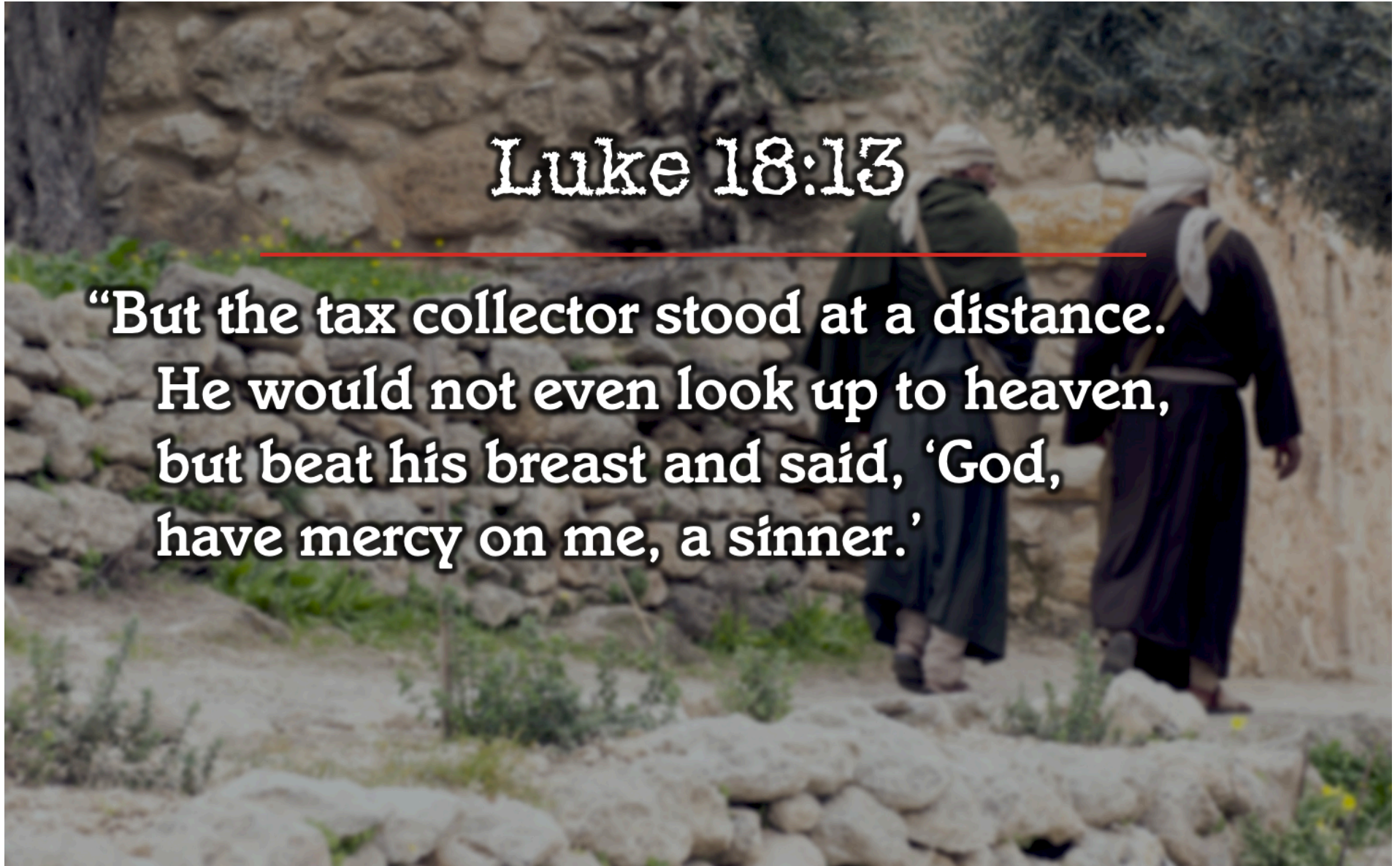
To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.”

Luke 18:11-12

**“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed:
‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people
— robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even
like this tax collector. I fast twice a week
and give a tenth of all I get.’**

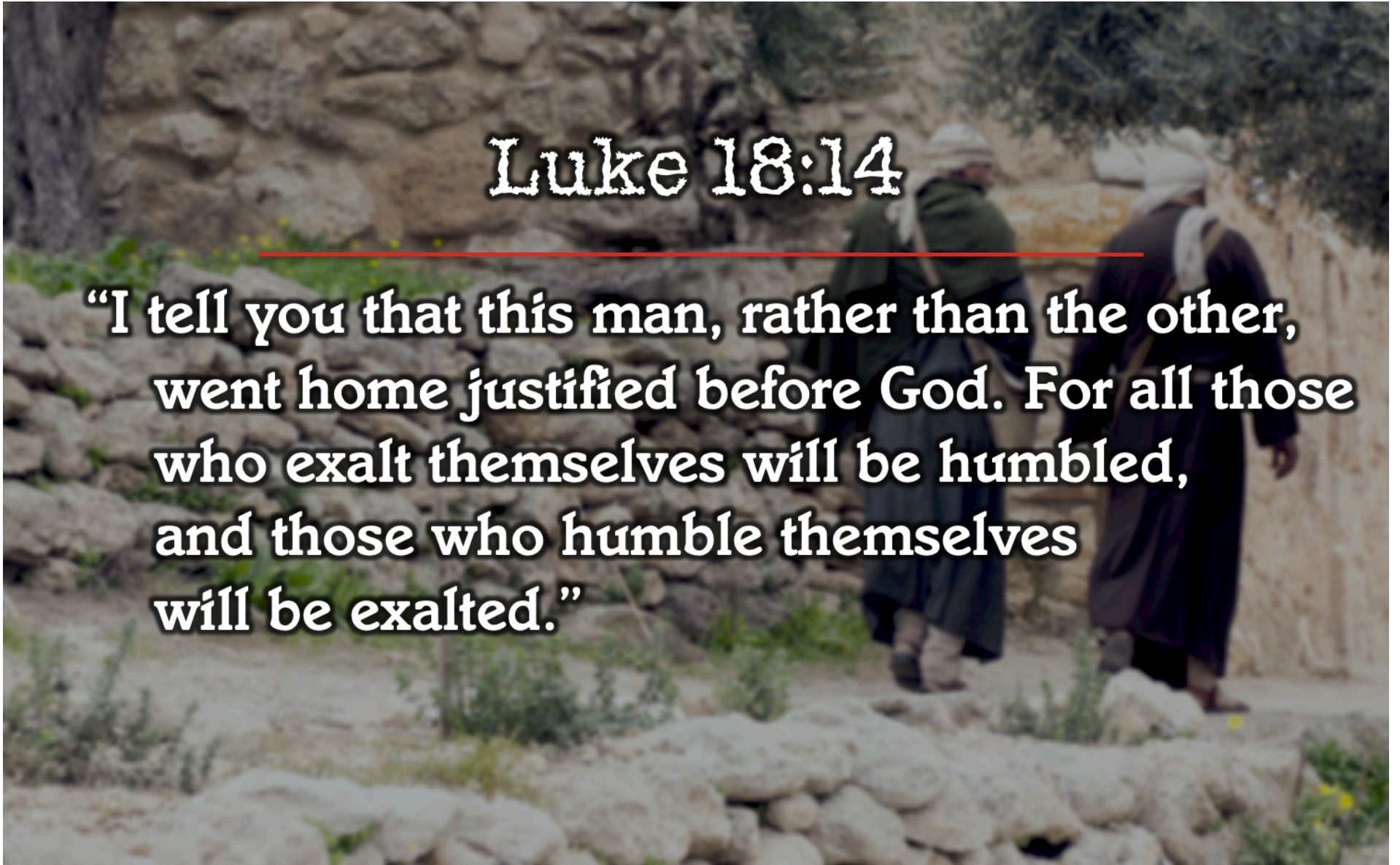
Luke 18:13

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”



Luke 18:14

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The background consists of a large, rough stone wall and some sparse green vegetation. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be in a rural or historical setting.

Psalm 51:1

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.**

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Luke 13:30

**“Indeed there are those who are last
who will be first, and first who will be last.”**

Romans 3:21-22

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Luke 18:15-16

People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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Luke 18:17

“Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Luke 18:18-19

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered.
“No one is good — except God alone.

Luke 18:20-21

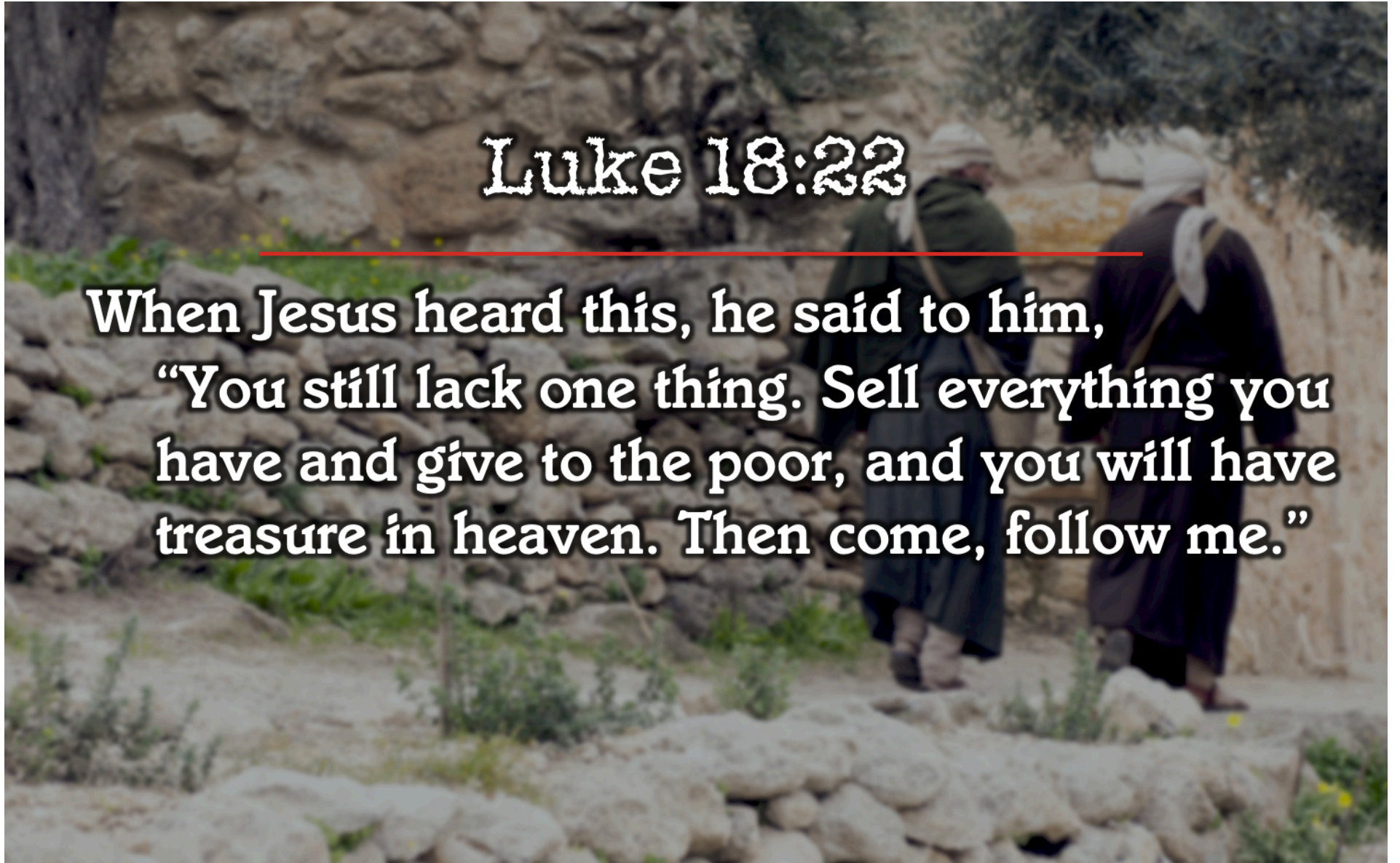
“You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

Luke 18:20-21

“You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery (#7), you shall not murder (#6), you shall not steal (#8), you shall not give false testimony (#9), honor your father and mother (#5).’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

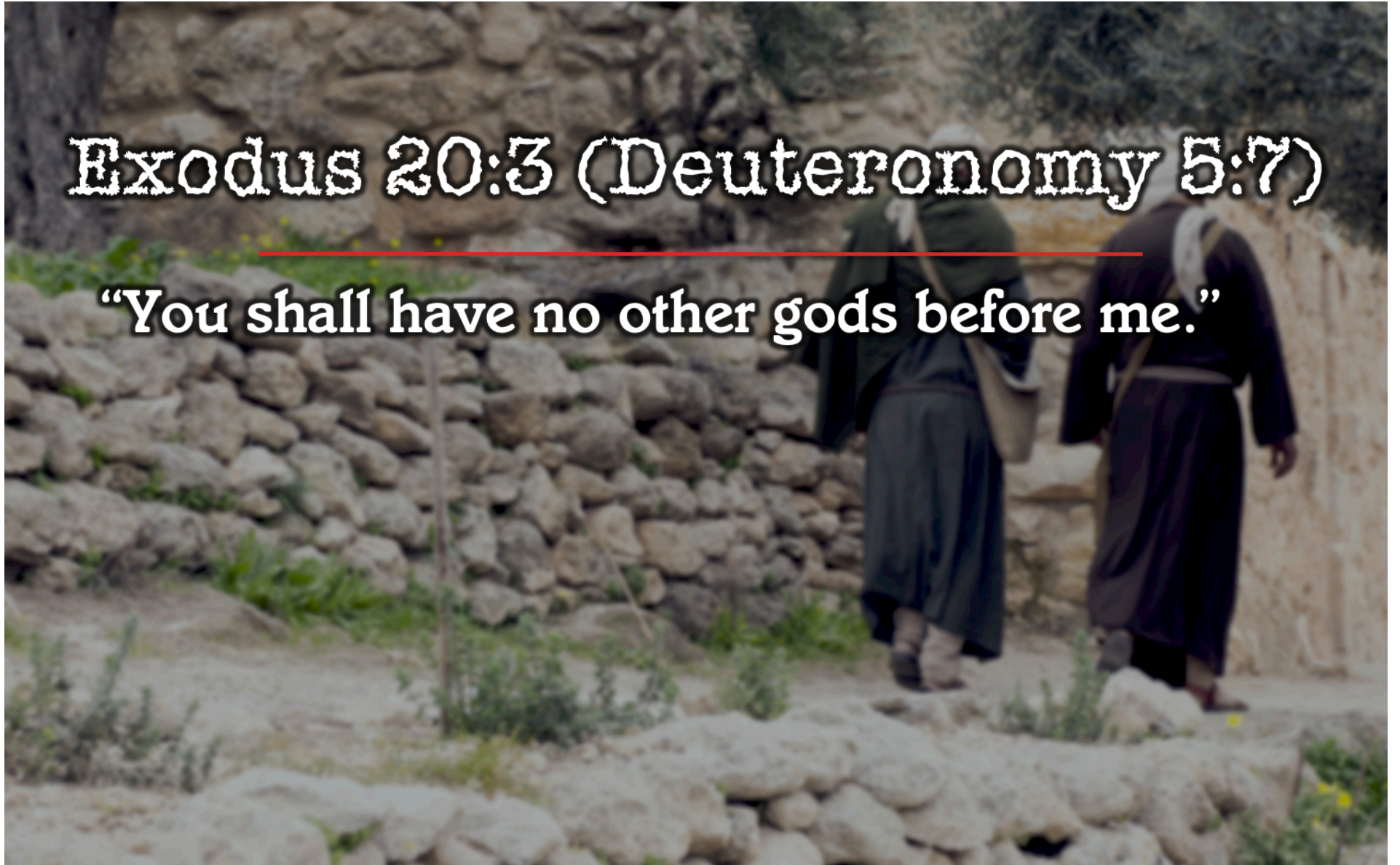
Luke 18:22

When Jesus heard this, he said to him,
“You still lack one thing. Sell everything you
have and give to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”



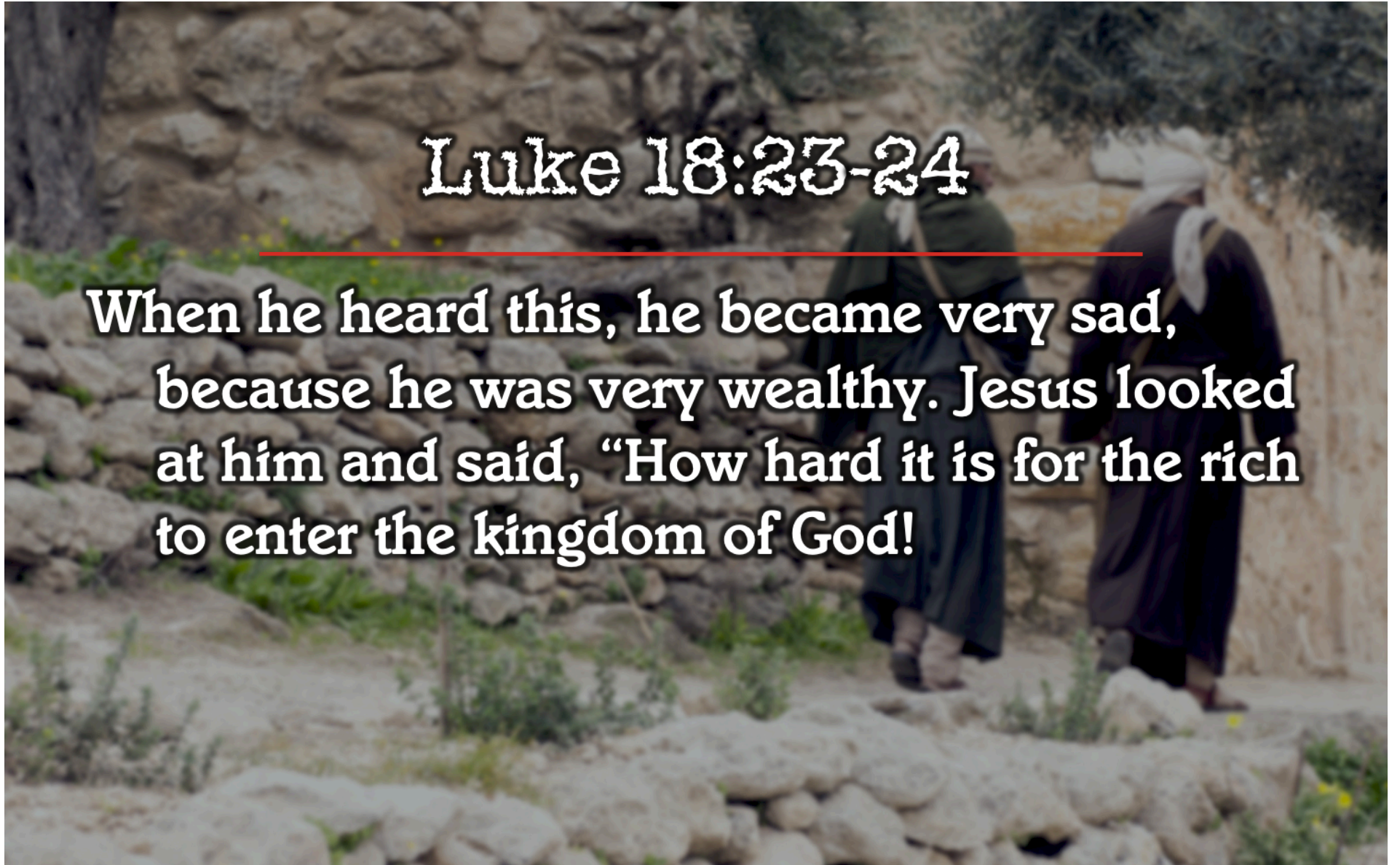
Exodus 20:3 (Deuteronomy 5:7)

“You shall have no other gods before me.”



Luke 18:23-24

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"





Luke 18:25-27

“Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Luke 18:28-30

Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”



John Wesley:

“It is not more sinful to be rich than to be poor. But it is dangerous beyond expression. Therefore, I remind all of you that are of this number, that have the conveniences of life and something over, that ye walk upon slippery ground.”

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Justo Gonzales:

“The Pharisee in the previous parable trusted in his own piety; the ruler trusts in his own money and power. Both must be undone if salvation is to come to them.”

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven.

**And we eagerly await a Savior from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ.**





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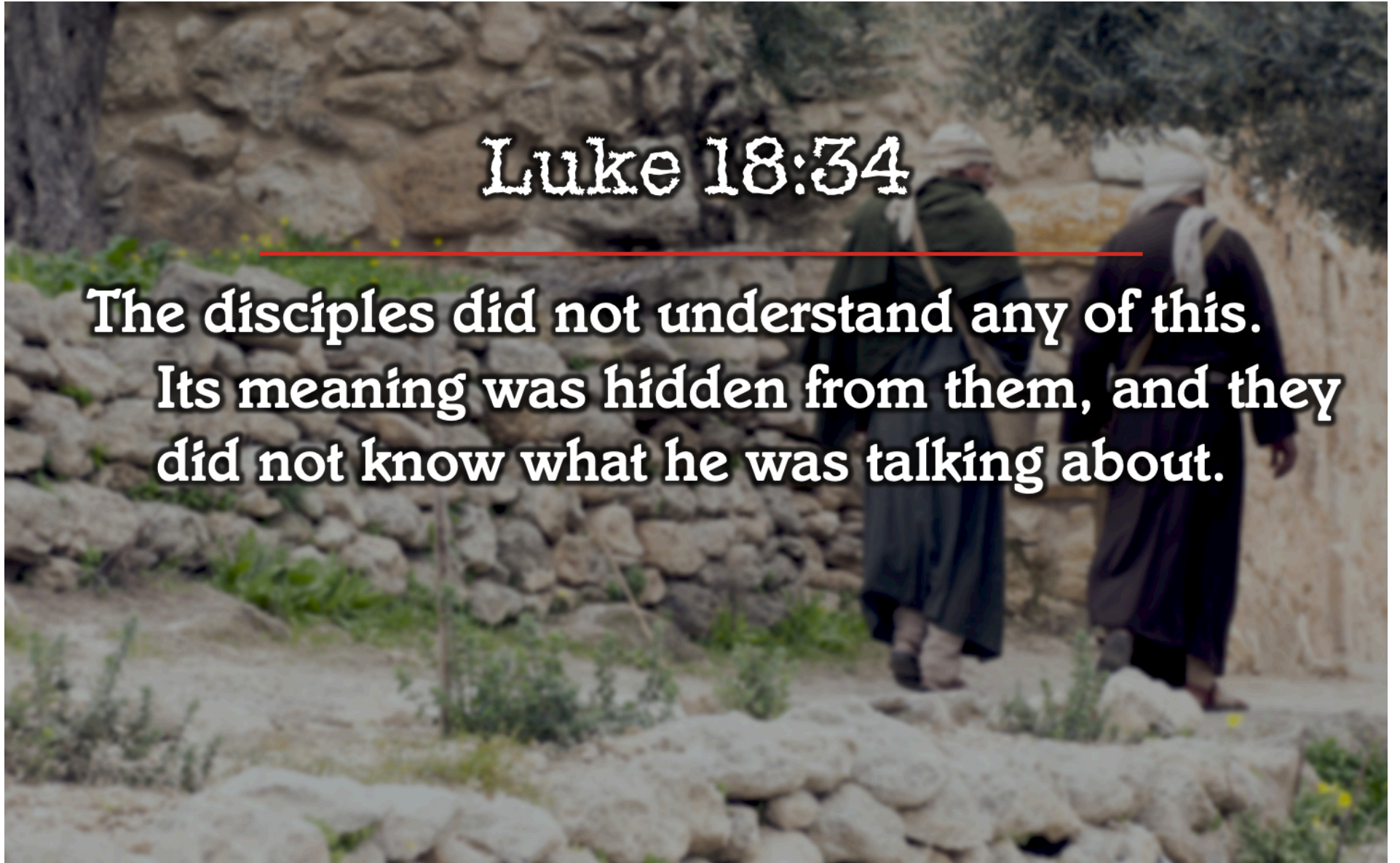
“Peter, Zacchaeus, and others passed the test, not because they literally sold all, but because the direction of God became the central orientation for their lives.”

Luke 18:31-33

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again."

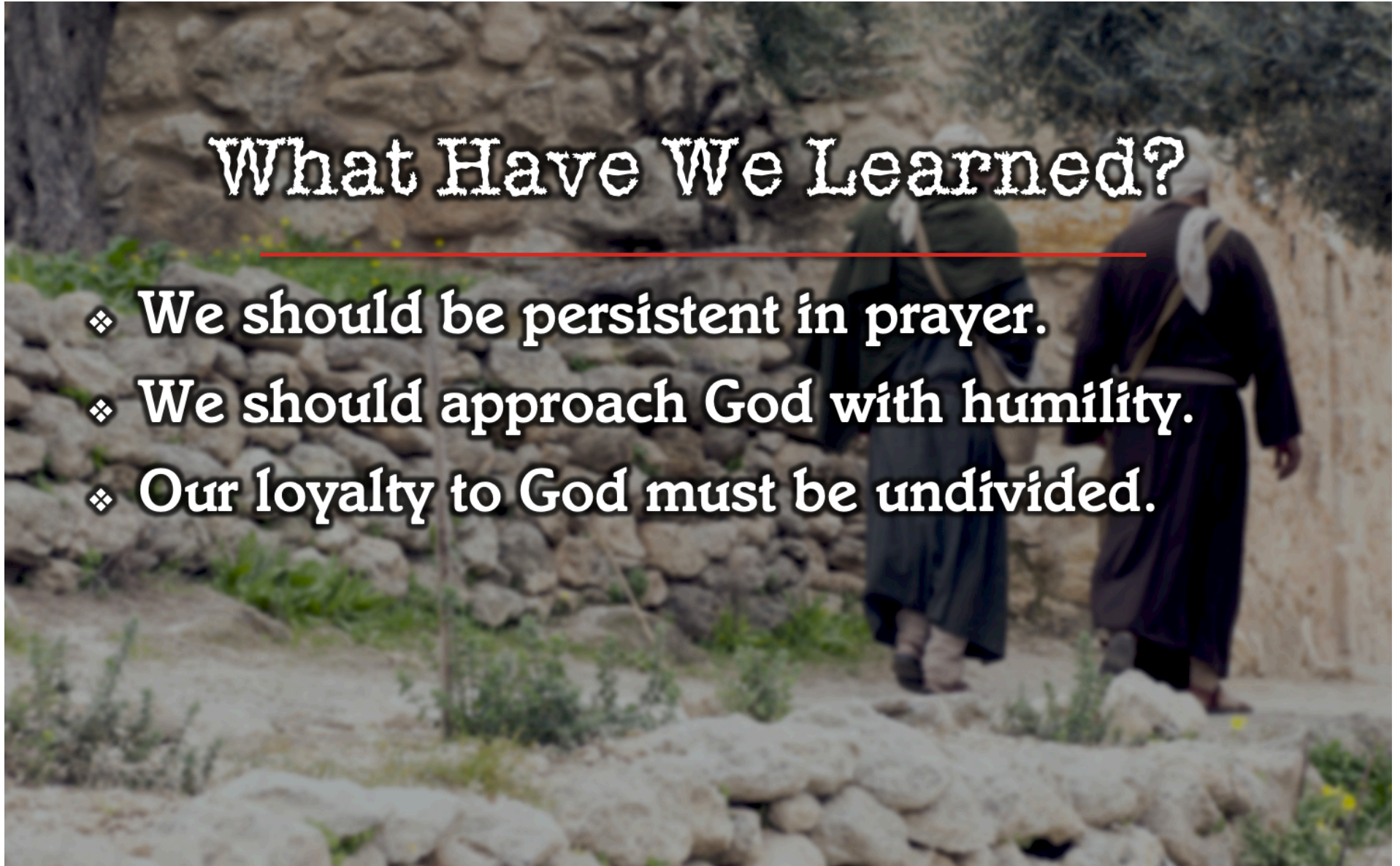
Luke 18:34

**The disciples did not understand any of this.
Its meaning was hidden from them, and they
did not know what he was talking about.**



What Have We Learned?

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- ❖ We should approach God with humility.
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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper