



Good News **for all people.**

The Gospel of Luke

Week 12 Discussion Questions

Week of 11/13/22

Text: Luke 13:1-30. *Each campus will be emphasizing different sections of the chapter this week, so we recommend choosing questions from below that were part of the sermon you heard in Thornton, Boulder, or Erie. Also, feel free to take on questions from parts of the chapter that weren't covered in the sermon but that you read together in your group.*

Icebreaker: What are your plans for Thanksgiving? What are you most looking forward to for Thanksgiving this year?

1. In verses 1-5, we hear about two examples of people dying suddenly and unexpectedly. From what Jesus says, what action should these tragedies motivate people to take? What does it mean to take this kind of action?

Application: Think of a tragedy that has caught your attention. How could it serve as a motivation for repentance?

2. In light of verses 1-5, Jesus tells the parable of verses 6-9 about the fig tree. What attribute(s) of God do you see reflected in the parable?

Application: How can the underlying message of this parable instill both hopefulness and a sense of warning about God's judgment?

3. Verses 10-17 describe another example of Jesus healing someone. What do you notice in this account that's similar and/or different from examples we've seen already in Luke?

Application: Do you think there's any relevance or lesson for us in the differences we can observe in Jesus's method and means of healing others?

4. What attributes of Jesus do you see on display in verses 10-17?

Application: How could these different attributes be relevant for you regarding what's going on in your life right now? If you feel comfortable sharing about it, please do!

5. Verses 18-21 include two images about the kingdom of God. (For the first, read Ezekiel 17:23 and 31:6, as well as Daniel 4:12, 21.) What message is Jesus communicating about the kingdom in these verses?

Application: What kind of expectations should we set for our own experience of God's kingdom based on these two statements?

Building Christ-centered communities of people fully devoted to loving God and loving others.

6. In verses 22-30, Jesus is describing the surprising membership of God's kingdom. With the nature of the gospel in mind, what do you think Jesus means by "*Strive* to enter through the narrow door"? Does it mean we have to work our way into the kingdom?

Application: What do you think it looks like for us in our daily lives to "strive" in this way?

7. What is it about the argument of verse 26 that isn't sufficient for these excluded people to be included inside the "narrow door?"

Application: What kind of activities or involvement might people have at Calvary that would put them in the same position as these outsiders to God's kingdom?

8. Imagine the scene Jesus describes in verses 29-30 "at table in the kingdom of God." What excites you about it? What questions does it raise? What emotions does it stir up?