



## LUKE CHAPTER 13 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- Are you typically more critical of others or more critical of yourself? Why?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (Luke 13:1-35)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Luke 13:1-9**

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  - What does repentance look like in your daily life?
  - What is difficult for you about repentance?

- These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- In the parable of the barren fig tree, why is it important to note that the fig tree had been provided everything it needed to be what it was designed to be?
  - God has given us every single that we need to be who He designed us to be, and He fills in every single gap where we are lacking. This doesn't give us license to sin but inspiration and courage to lean into who He has made us to be.

### **Luke 13:10-17**

- Why do you think Jesus responded with frustration and anger to how the ruler of the synagogue responded to the woman who had been healed?
  - The synagogue ruler wasn't focused on offering compassion and love to a real-life human being but on checking a box to elevate himself and make himself right.
    - How do we love people well in grace and truth and not be hypocritical in our actions towards them?
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### **Luke 13:18-35**

- One of the magnificent things about Jesus comparing His kingdom to the mustard seed is that the mustard seed and plant were not known to grow beyond a small bush and birds were not known to nest in its branches. Thus, Jesus is teaching that His kingdom and its growth are supernatural in nature. They aren't dependent on human effort or performance but on God and His power.
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- Why is Jesus' response significant when He is told that Herod wants to kill Him?
  - Jesus doesn't run. He doesn't cower and He seemingly isn't concerned about what Herod says or thinks about Him. Jesus is most definitely not a jerk, but He is resolved to be on mission for and with His Father.

- In what ways do you need to be more fully on mission for God not focused on what others think, feel, believe, and say about you while also not being a jerk?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. [Luke chapter 14]



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