



## Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, May 10, 2020

Luke 13:1-17 – Presumptions

### We Learn:

When we presume, that is, when we draw hasty and unbiblical conclusions about other people's lives, we stand in danger of not seeing people as God sees them. When we presume then we are quick to judge others. And, as we read in Luke 13 or John 9 we often presume that someone's suffering is because of their sin. We are certain that they must have done something wrong and, therefore, deserve to be punished. Although the Bible speaks of punishment for sin Jesus makes it clear that it was not because of their sin that Pilate had mixed the Galileans' blood with their sacrifices. And, it wasn't because of the blind man's sins or his parents' sins that he was born blind. Jesus instead warns us that rather than being someone else's judge we need to repent and be reconciled to God ourselves. As we love God we will be able to love others without prejudice, bias or any presumptions.

- Why do we presume someone must have sinned if we see them suffer?
- How do unbiblical and ungodly beliefs form from our presumptions?
- What is the danger in going "beyond what is written" in the Word of God?
- How does the Bible differ from other philosophies or belief systems regarding the cycle of cause and effect? How is the gospel of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus able to break that cycle?
- Why does Jesus focus on our repentance?

### We Respond:

- How can we commit to not judge anyone, or presume anything about anyone?
- What is the connection between "interpreting the times" and repentance?
- How does being reconciled with God enable us to reach out to others with love and mercy?

### We Apply:

- How can we identify unbiblical presumptions and resultant ungodly beliefs in our own lives?
- How do we renounce ungodly beliefs?
- How we replace ungodly beliefs with Biblical, godly beliefs?