

Luke 13:1-21

Small Group Guide & Discussion Questions

Introduction

- Welcome each person. Invite each person to say their name, where they live, how long they've been in Boston.
- Invite each person to describe how they are feeling today
- Listen carefully. Be curious, empathetic, caring!
- Invite a few people to read Luke 13:1-21 aloud e.g., sections v.1-5, 6-9, 10-17, 18-21
- Invite someone to pray for the Holy Spirit to illumine each person's heart and soul through this Scripture passage.

Discussion Questions

Feel free to adapt or skip any of these.

1. Are victims and survivors (Luke 13:1-5) both “offenders” (Lk 13:4)? Why or why not? Does it matter?
2. Compare and contrast the use of “ought” in Luke 13:14,16. How does this “ought” help us to understand Luke 4:18-19?
3. Jesus criticized the synagogue ruler and his congregants as “hypocrites” (Luke 13:15). How might the congregation of Restoration Fellowship also be accused as “hypocrites”?
4. Which simile (*seed* or *leaven* Luke 13:18-21) resonates more for you personally in grasping what the Kingdom of Heaven is like? Why?

Prayer

- 15 minutes before the end time, invite people to share any prayer requests.
- These could include personal issues, but all should be held in confidence.
- Invite several to pray out loud.
- Then as the group facilitator close up the meeting in prayer at an appropriate moment.
- Thank the group.