"The Kingdom Of God Is Like..." Turn From Unfruitfulness, Engage In His Kingdom Purpose

Luke 13:6-21

A good tree will bear good fruit – unless there is something wrong. Bound roots, arid soil, lack of nutrients or water: these can bring the tragic condition of fruitlessness. But the purpose of this man's planting his tree is fruit, and the purpose of our salvation is transformation and fruitful labor in God's kingdom. Don't settle for a solitary Christian life. Get caught up into God's kingdom, which is growing around the world. BEAR FRUIT! Heed the warning of the fruitless Jewish church. Beseech God's enabling grace daily.

I. Three years of ______ (v 6-7)

1. In her history the _____ of ____ had been at times chastised like this (Is. 52:1-7).

- 2. What a ______ when a tree, or church, does not ______ the fruitfulness envisioned!
- 3. We have a tragic example of this fruitlessness in verses 10-17. Do not be like Jerusalem.

II. The _____ of a Vinedresser (v 8-9)

- 1. This grounds keeper _____ his landlord's assessment, but requests _____ more year.
- 2. His purpose is to insure it has ______ and _____.
- 3. How is Jesus ______ for you in these days? For _____ as a congregation?

III. ______ of the Kingdom (v 18-21)

- 1. What's it _____? You must think ______ of mustard seeds and leaven!
- 2. The kingdom is ______ by the Holy Spirit, and ______ silently all around.

3. Jesus' purpose in redeeming us is _____ us. You <u>must</u> _____.

IV. How To _____ In This Kingdom:

- 1. F_____ (John 15:8) -
- 2. H_____ (Col. 1:6) -
- 3. P_____ (James 1:12) -
- 4. C_____(Eph. 4:16) -