

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 28, 2008

Passage: Luke 13:10-35

Memory Passage: Isaiah 55:1

**TODAY:** *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 13:10-13.** How could we summarize the main focus of Jesus' ministry (Luke 4:15-16; Luke 4:43-44)?
- (b) What kind of condition did this woman have? What does Luke say is the *cause* of this condition? How did Jesus affirm this (Luke 13:16)?
- (c) What happened when Jesus laid his hands on her? How long did it take? Is this *always* the case with healings (Luke 17:14-17; Mark 8:22-25)?
- (d) What was her response? What does it mean to "glorify God?" How is this part of our testimony (Psalm 103:1-5; Psalm 107:2)? How did Paul tell us to conduct our lives (Philippians 2:14-16)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 13:10-13 and Psalm 103:1-5. Talk about some of the things that the Lord has done for you as a family; as an individual. Do you ever take time to tell others? Spend some time giving thanks to Him for all that He has done for you!

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 13:14-17.** What concern was raised by this healing? What had already happened (Luke 6:7; 11:53-54)?
- (b) Why did Jesus consider his concern as hypocritical? What was their concern? What was God's (Matthew 9:13)?
- (c) Read Mark 2:23-28. What offended the Pharisees? What did Jesus tell them about the purpose of the Sabbath? How did his healing fulfill the real purpose of the Sabbath?
- (d) Read 1 John 3:16-18. What is the true measure of our love for others? How should the ruler of the synagogue responded?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 13:14-17 and 1 John 3:16-18. Talk about what God desires most from our lives. Is it following rituals and laws or is it caring for others? What are some things that you can do as a family to show God's love to someone this week? Pray together that God would use your love to bring glory to His name.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 13:18-21.** What two parables does Jesus tell about the Kingdom of God? What picture of the Kingdom does the first parable give? What is Jesus saying about the way it grows?
- (b) What does the second parable tell us about the Kingdom of God? How does leaven work? How does Jesus' kingdom differ from others (Luke 17:21; John 18:36-37)?
- (c) What did Paul tell us about the nature of this kingdom in Romans 14:17?
- (d) How is the Kingdom spread in this world (Matthew 24:14; Matthew 10:7; Acts 20:25)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 13:18-21 and Luke 17:21. What two things do these parables tell us about God's Kingdom? How does this growth take place? What is our responsibility? Pray that you might have a heart to share the gospel with others and see the Kingdom of God increase.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 13:22-30.** What question is raised when Jesus is preaching and teaching? Why do you think this question came up?
- (b) What two pictures of entering the kingdom does Jesus give (vs. 24; vv. 25-27)? What is the striving or struggle? Why is this essential to be saved (Luke 5:31-32)?
- (c) Read Luke 18:18-30. What similar question is raised in verse 26? How does Jesus respond?
- (d) Why did many not enter in (Luke 14:15-33)? Why did these not come?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 13:22-33 and discuss what it means to be saved. Can a person be saved without understanding his sin? Why or why not? Who are the “first that will be last” that Jesus is speaking about? Pray for someone that needs to hear the gospel of the kingdom.

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Luke 13:31-35.** What was Jesus warned about? How did it affect his ministry? What did he say he would continue to do in spite of the danger?

(b) What gave Jesus confidence in such dangers (Psalm 31:14-15; John 7:6; John 7:30)? What did Jesus know about the place he would die?

(c) What do verses 34-35 tell us about the heart of Jesus even for those who would never turn to him (also Luke 19:40-41)?

(d) Read Ezekiel 33:11, Ezekiel 18:23, and Ezekiel 18:32. What does God say to Israel? What is God’s promise to all who come to Him (Psalm 91:4; Isaiah 55:1-3)?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 13:31-35 and Isaiah 55:1-3. Talk about God’s mercy and compassion toward us. How does His mercy affect His judgment of people? Will He still judge them? Thank God for His patience and mercy to you and pray that you might have His heart toward those that refuse the gospel.

**DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read Luke 13:10-35. What are some of the things God has done for you this week? Have you given Him praise for them? Do so now! What do you think about Jesus’ parables about the growth of his kingdom? How are you being a part of spreading the good news of this kingdom? Pray for worship services tomorrow that the message of the kingdom might be clear to all.

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***The Heart of the Kingdom***

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”*