

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**Repent & Live**

LUKE 13:1-9

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

OBSERVE, INTERPRET & APPLY // LUKE 13:1-9

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: Jesus calls us to repent or perish.

1. Read Luke 13:1-9.
2. Describe the situation in verses 1-5. Why do you think "some" told Jesus about this tragic incident that happened to the Galileans? How does this flow from what we read in chapter 12?
3. How does Jesus answer them in verse 2-3? What surprises you about his answer? What point is Jesus trying to get across to these people?
4. In verse 4, Jesus brings up the tower of Siloam falling and killing 18 people. Why do you think Jesus brings up this tragic event?
5. Twice Jesus says, "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Discuss a few things we learn from Jesus words.
 - a. Who needs to repent?
 - b. What is repentance?
 - c. What do we repent of?
 - d. What happens if we don't repent? What does it mean to perish?
6. Re-read verses 6-9. How does this flow from and build on verses 1-5?
7. What do these verses tell us about the character of God?
8. What do these verses tell us about the nature of true repentance? What does it mean to bear fruit? How is bearing fruit different from trying harder?
9. How do verses 6-9 show us God's patience? How do they communicate the urgency in repenting and bearing fruit?
10. How do verses 1-9 provide gospel hope?

- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Are there areas in your life where you've been unwilling to repent? What would it look like to bear fruit in this area? Identify an evidence of fruit in another CG member.