

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**Strive to Enter & Recline**

LUKE 13:10-35

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 13:10-35

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: Reject hypocritical religion and strive to enter the rest of Christ Jesus.

1. Read Luke 13:1-35.
2. How would you summarize the main message of chapter 13?
3. In verses 10-17, we see Jesus healing on the Sabbath. In previous occasions (cf. 6:1-5; 6-11) the Lordship of Jesus. What seems to be the emphasis in these verses?
4. What's the woman's condition? In verses 12-13, what do you notice about Jesus? What is significant about what He said to her? What is significant about how Jesus healed the woman? What is significant about how quickly she was healed?
5. What is the response of the ruler of the synagogue? What does "indignant" mean? Why does he respond this way? What does his response tell you about his motivations for his religious deeds? How might we be tempted to act like this ruler?
6. How does Jesus respond to this ruler? What's his point?
7. Why does Jesus identify the woman as a "daughter of Abraham"?
8. What is significant about Jesus identifying Satan as the culprit in the woman's illness?
9. In verse 17, what do you notice about the different ways the listeners responded to Jesus?
10. In verses 18-20, Jesus tells two parables about the Kingdom of God. What is the Kingdom of God? What's the main point of these parables? Notice Luke words, "He said *therefore*..." How do the parables connect to the previous verses?
11. As Jesus is headed toward Jerusalem, he continues to teach (v. 22). In verse 23, someone asks him if those who are saved will be few. How does this question relate to the Kingdom of God?
12. In verses 22-30, Jesus provides his answer to this question. Instead of focusing on many or few, what is the emphasis of Jesus' answer?

13. What does it mean “strive to enter through the narrow door”? What does this look like in our lives?
14. What does it mean that many will seek but be unable to enter?
15. In verse 26, after Jesus saying “I do not know you,” how do the people respond? What does their response tell you about how they view Jesus and salvation?
16. In verses 28-30, what do we learn about the Kingdom of God? How can we begin to portray the Kingdom of God here and now?
17. How does this passage help us love Christ more? How does it help us look to the cross and hope in heaven?

- 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: How can we continue to encourage one another during the CG break? What are some ways you can take advantage of this break to serve others?