Lesson 13 Luke 13

1Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

6Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.7So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

8“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. 9If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

10On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues,11and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” 13Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

14Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

15The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

17When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

18Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? 19It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.”

20Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? 21It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25540a)] of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

The Narrow Door

22Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. 23Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, 24“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. 25Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

26“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

27“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

28“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. 29People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 30Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

Jesus’ Sorrow for Jerusalem

31At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

32He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ 33In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophetcan die outside Jerusalem!

34“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 35Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Matthew 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

1. Read Luke 13:1-5. What is the danger of associating tragedies that occur with sin? According to Jesus, are people essentially good or essentially sinful? Explain.

2. Read verses 6-9. Who does the unfruitful fig tree represent? Who does the owner of the vineyard represent? How about the man who took care of the vineyard? What did the caretaker want to do, and what’s the main point Jesus was making with this parable?

Fig tree:

Owner:

Care taker:

3. Read verses 10-17 about the healing of a woman bent over by an evil spirit. Write in the first person, as if you were that woman, writing in your diary, how you felt and what you thought that night, after Jesus healed you.

4. Why was the synagogue ruler upset with Jesus? How did Jesus answer him? How did the people feel about what happened?

5. What is Jesus main point in the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast? What do you think he’s referring to?

6. Read verses 22-30. Also read Matthew 7:13 about the narrow gate. Who/What does the narrow door or narrow gate refer to? Since God loves people, are you surprised the door/gate isn’t wider? Do you think only a few people will be saved, or many people, or all people? Explain.

7. Read verses 31-35. Jesus was making His final trip up to Jerusalem, where he would die for our sins. As he approached the city, what did He do? What prophecies did He make? Have they been fulfilled? Explain.

8. Have you ever felt like Jesus did, as He wept over the city? Explain. (Remember anything of a personal nature that’s shared in our small groups is to remain strictly confidential.)

9. What does Jesus reveal about Himself in verses 32-33? What is he talking about?

10. Journal this chapter SOAP style.