

Repent or Perish - Luke 13:1-9

Topics: Fruit, Repentance, Sacrifice, Suffering

Open It

- * 1. What connection do many people make between how bad they are and how much they suffer?
- 2. When was a time you felt that God was letting you suffer because you had sinned?
- 3. What have been some of your frustrating experiences with gardening?

Explore It

- * 4. What did Jesus hear about a group of Galileans? (13:1)
- * 5. What explanation for the tragedy did Jesus propose? (13:2)
- 6. How did Jesus reply to His own question? (13:3)
- 7. What was the story involving the tower of Siloam? (13:4)
- * 8. What were Jesus' listeners to learn from the two stories? (13:3-5)
- 9. In the parable, what did the man seek from his fig tree? (13:6)
- 10. Where was the fig tree? (13:6)
- 11. What did the man say to the person who took care of the vineyard? (13:7)
- 12. Why did the man want the fig tree chopped down? (13:7)
- 13. What did the vineyard tender suggest? (13:8-9)

Get It

- 14. What does it mean to "bear fruit"?
- * 15. Why do we often assume that people suffer because they are uniquely bad?
- 16. What people or groups of people do we sometimes blame for their suffering?
- 17. What's wrong with saying that people suffer because of how sinful they are?
- * 18. What can we do to keep from judging people by their circumstances?
- 19. What did Jesus mean by His warning, "But unless you repent, you too will all perish"?
- 20. Why did Jesus tell the fig tree parable after discussing the two tragic incidents?
- 21. Whom do the fig tree, the man, and the vineyard tender represent?
- 22. What second chances have you been given?
- 23. What can we learn from this parable?
- 24. What does God want us to do?

Apply It

- 25. What godly characteristic do you want to focus your attention on this week? How?
- * 26. How can you show acceptance to one or two people who have been falsely judged as unrighteous for their circumstances?
- 27. What can you do to comfort, help, or encourage someone who is suffering this week?
- 28. What step of repentance would communicate to God your gratitude for second chances?