

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

BIBLE STUDY Theme: “The Penalty of Being Useless”

SCRIPTURE – Luke 13:1-9, NIV (v.7)

¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?”

³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

⁴ Or 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?”

⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶ Then 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.

⁷ So 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.

⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

I. Key Words:

- Useless
- Parable
- Penalty
- Rejection

II. People, Places & Times:

- Landlord
- Caretaker

III. Background:

IV. Make it happen:

1. What is a parable and why did Jesus use them?

2. What is the central theme of the parable of the barren fig tree?

3. What should we learn from the tragedies of Luke 13?

4. What is the lesson of the barren fig tree?

5. What is the result of true repentance?

V. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?
