



Bible study for the week starting July 25, 2021

Figs or No Figs – Luke 13:1-9

PRAY – STUDY - SHARE

1. After praying please go around and share some highs and lows, especially with the lens of what is God up to in your life.
2. Please review the message notes and discuss with one another any part of the message that especially challenged you or piqued your interest.
3. Read Luke 13:1-9. Some Bibles label this section: Jesus Teaches on Repentance. From what you heard in the message how would you agree or disagree with that label?
4. Pilate evidently carried out capital punishment as Galileans were at the Temple in the midst of worship. What made this so offensive to the Jews?
5. Read John 9:1-2 and Job 4:7, 22:5. What insights do these verses give to the question posed to Jesus?
6. Does Jesus answer their question?
7. Someone once remarked, "It does not matter how you die but rather how you live." Read the following verses and discuss them within the context of this dialogue that Jesus was having: Deuteronomy 32:29, Ecclesiastes 7:2, Hebrews 9:27, 1 Corinthians 1:7-8, 1 Peter 1:15, 2 Peter 3:10-13, 1 Timothy 6:18.
8. Pastor said multiple times, "God expects fruit." Thinking back through the message, what is fruit? Who does He expect to produce fruit? What is the danger of making this statement, "God expects fruit."?
9. How does verse 9 help to clarify the parable's definition of fruit? What was the title of this section?
10. Once again review with one another, what is the two-fold definition of "bearing fruit"?

Pray for one another, including asking for the courage to fear God rather than men.



A Heart for God: Figs or No Figs?

Luke 13:1-9

July 25, 2021 - Pastor D. R. Hilken

Interpreting the times - Reviewing the HEADLINES

ALL are in danger of Jesus' return or sudden DESTRUCTION

"Unless you repent you will likewise perish."

"What am I going to do with JESUS?
What am I going to do with my SIN
and God's offer of FORGIVENESS?"

Our EXISTENCE journey

Life Stage 1 - conception to birth

Life Stage 2 - birth to physical death

Life Stage 3 - physical death to eternity

Life Stage 1 - no CHOICES

Life Stage 2 - a FEW critical choices

How I live my life with the opportunities and gifts
that I have been given

How do I respond to the choices Jesus made on my behalf

Life Stage 3 - no choices

"every man under his vine and under his fig tree"

1 Kings 4 & Micah 4

God's picture of PEACE and PROSPERITY for His people

Isaiah 5:1-10

God expects FRUIT

God expects FAITH and a transformed life
that BEARS FRUIT appropriate to what's been planted