

Who We Are

Kingdom Culture is a family, redeemed, filled with the Holy Spirit, equipped to serve, meeting needs everywhere in Jesus' name.

Life Application

- How do your words and actions reveal the kind of tree you are?
- How do you typically respond when the gardener surrounds you with fertilizer?
- How is God calling you to offer your figs (time, talent and treasure) to Him?

THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Luke 13:6-9

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Matthew 12:33 - "A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.

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The parable tells us three things about God:

1. He _____ fruit
2. He is _____ waiting for fruit
3. He is _____ to check for fruit

The gardener in the parable is _____. This parable is a picture of mercy triumphing over judgment.

The man allowed the gardener to give the tree special attention by _____ it.

3 Takeaways from this parable:

1. Uselessness invites _____.

2. If a tree only takes, it cannot _____.

3. God gives second _____.

Matthew 12:38-42 - What is the main thrust of Jesus' point that no sign would be given, except the sign of the prophet Jonah?

Matthew 21:18-22 - It's natural for us to look for food from Him. But we don't often think of Jesus looking for food from us.

What are the figs Jesus is looking for?

Matthew 25:35-40 - For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

Jesus equate how we treat _____ with how we treat _____.

Being part of His family is His highest purpose for us.

Only when we treat one another as Christ Himself do we become the figs Jesus is looking for.