



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## OVERVIEW

In this little parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus makes it clear that the Father is seeking fruit in our lives. He wants us to be fruit bearers and to be ever increasing in our fruit bearing. The fruit He is looking for is fruit that is "in keeping with repentance."

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read: Luke 13:1-9; Luke 3:7-14; John 15:1-17

1. Why is it your life that proves your repentance? What is it about repentance that must show in how you live your life?
2. Why do you think that John the Baptist answered the way he did to those who asked what to do? How is that "fruit in keeping with repentance?"
  - How might John respond to American Christians today?
3. How does suffering create fruit bearing in our lives? (cf. Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4)
  - Does this speak to or inform how you would walk with someone through their suffering? How?
4. When you think about the urgency of repenting or perishing, what thoughts do you have? Does it move you to any response or action? What?

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:6-9

**6** And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. **7** And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' **8** And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. **9** Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

## PRAYER

Devote time to praying for one another and around the discussion you had.

## DISCUSSION NOTES