



Small Group Study Guide
SERMON: FALSE TEACHERS and TRUE REPENTANCE
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INTRODUCTION

In Luke 13:1-5, Jesus delivers a sobering message on the necessity of repentance, underscored by the eternal consequences of failing to do so. He uses recent tragedies to illustrate that everyone must repent to avoid perishing, rejecting the notion that suffering directly correlates to personal sin. This sermon warns against false prophets who preach a counterfeit gospel, devoid of the true message of repentance and self-denial, and emphasizes the urgency of turning from sin to align with God's will.

KEY SCRIPTURES

- **Luke 13:1-5:** This passage addresses misconceptions about suffering and calls for repentance to avoid spiritual death.
- **Matthew 7:15:** Jesus warns of false prophets, describing them as deceitful and dangerous.
- **2 Peter 2:1-3:** Peter emphasizes the danger of false teachers who introduce heresies and exploit believers for personal gain.
- **Galatians 1:6-8:** Paul expresses astonishment at the Galatians' quick turn to a different, false gospel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Jesus mean by "repent or perish" in Luke 13:3? PT said, "Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, where our sins would nail Him to the cross." Does it impact you when you consider that you were on His mind, and He urgently called us all to repent before He died on the cross?
2. Briefly share your salvation experience. Where were you and what brought you to the cross?
3. How can we discern between true and false prophets, especially in today's world? (*Matthew 7:15; 2 Peter 2:1-3*)
4. Why is it important to recognize the difference between self-preservation and self-denial in the context of the Gospel? (*Luke 13:3-5*)
5. How does the concept of grace relate to repentance, as illustrated by the parable of the barren fig tree in Luke 13:6-9? (*Luke 13:6-9*)

6. What are the dangers of accepting a "false gospel" as mentioned in Galatians 1:6-8? How can believers safeguard against this? Has the Holy Spirit ever enlightened you to a False Teacher? How did it happen?
7. Discuss the implications of "confession, contrition, and change" in the process of true repentance. (*General teachings on repentance from Luke 13:1-5*)
8. Why might some churches avoid teaching on repentance, and what are the consequences of this omission? (*Luke 13:3-5*)
9. How can accountability and community help us maintain a repentant lifestyle? (*General application*)

PT's BEST QUOTES

- *"Satan always proliferates a counterfeit. If there is a True Gospel, he presents a False Gospel."*
- *"False Gospels always fall short of the cross. It was at the cross where Jesus surrendered His will to the Fathers, and where we are called to surrender our will to His."*
- *"Repentance means: to change the course or direction of your life."*
- *"You're not ready to live until you're ready to die! Jesus said, 'Repent or perish!'"*

ACTION PROMPTS

- Reflect on your own life and identify areas where true repentance is needed. Pray for strength and guidance to change.
- Take time this week to read and meditate on the scriptures related to repentance, such as Luke 13:1-5 and 2 Peter 2:1-3.
- Engage with a trusted friend or group member to discuss personal struggles with repentance and seek accountability.
- Consider how you can help others in your life discern truth from false teachings.

CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the truth of Your Word and the call to repentance. Guide us as we seek to turn from sin and align our lives with Your will. Help all of us at CrossPointe to grow deeper in our faith and find community within small groups. May we be bold in inviting others to join us in worship and study, and may our church be a light that steers clear of false teachings. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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