

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. **Enjoy discovering more about Him!**

"REPENT" | LUKE 13: 1-17 | PASTOR DAN EFFINGER

WARM-UP QUESTION:

Would you rather fall from a high tower or be a victim of a cruel tyrant?

"Tragedy and Atrocity" (Luke 13: 1-5)

Some people were talking about horrible injustice by Pilate and a tragic accident with a tower, and Jesus uses this moment to talk about repentance. **What does it mean to repent? How are tragedies reminders of the need for repentance?**

"The Fruit of Repentance" (Luke 13: 6-9)

Jesus tells a short story about a fig tree that needs to be cut down even though it looks good because it doesn't bear fruit, highlighting how people can appear morally good and yet still are lost. **Why can it be hard for morally good people to see they are still lost? How is repentance a part of bearing spiritual fruit?**

"Healing Over Hypocrisy" (Luke 13: 10-17)

Jesus heals a woman in a synagogue on the Sabbath and confronts the religious leaders who condemn this action with their hypocrisy. **Why are legalists often guilty of being hypocrites? How does repentance help cure hypocrisy?**

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Life can be hard and full of tragedy and sometimes our response is to try to live perfect lives and do everything right, which can lead to a false sense of hope that all our efforts will keep us safe and save us. Jesus shows we need to let go of that pride and come to God. **Are there areas of your life where you have pride or feel morally superior? How can you repent this week?**