

Enter the Kingdom of God

Jesus for Everyone Message Series Week 18

Luke 13:18-35

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Everyone should enter the Kingdom of God...

1. Because it is living, powerful, and transforming.

(Luke 13:18-21)

“We see from these parables that the kingdom of God will go out to all the nations, and its effect will be vast and profound...It works individually—a life here, a life there—transforming men and women—creating lovers of God who spread the good news...Kingdom power is immense, because gospel yeast truly transforms lives, and transformed lives preserve society.”

R. Kent Hughes, *Luke*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2015, pp. 524-525.

2. Before it is too late. (Luke 13:22-30)

“Jesus never offered people the message, ‘Look, just be sincere. Simply adhere to the religion of your choice and think positively about God. Look deep within yourself to find the good and accentuate the positive; that’s good enough for God, and He’ll let you into heaven when you die.’”

Charles R. Swindoll, *Swindoll’s Living Insights New Testament Commentary, Volume 3*, Tyndale House Publishers, Chicago, IL, 2017, p. 396.

3. Because God cares for us and wants to rescue us.

(Luke 13:31-35)

“Too many people act as if hell is only a conceptual problem. They act as if hell is not real. They act as if there’s no kingdom to gain or to lose.”

Thabiti Anyabwile, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Luke*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2018, p. 221.