Gospel Luke Bible Study #33

Luke 13:1-9

Repent or Perish

1. When you see a sudden tragic death, ( ) I think the dead person must be a wicked sinner.

( ) I feel sorry but I forget soon and go on with my life.

( ) It happened to them. It may happen to me also.

I must repent.

1. #1 Tragic death

What were the Galileans doing or intended to do? 13:1

=for worshiping God

Where were the Galileans?

=temple

Did the dead Galileans know that morning that they were going to die that day?

=nobody knows death

How did death come to them?

=suddenly

Did they have time to repent?

=no time to repent

What sudden tragic death have you seen?

Men’s view What did the people think about the dead Galileans? 13:2

=worse sinners

What did the people think about themselves? 13:2

=less sinners

Jesus’ view What was Jesus’ view of the dead Galileans? 13:3

=we are all same sinners

What was Jesus’ view of those who were alive?

=same sinners, yet they are perished; no chance of repentance

=those who are alive; they still have chance of repentance

What is the most important urgent thing we should do while alive? 13:3

=repentance

1. #2 Tragic death

Who brought up this tragic death? 13:4

=Jesus

Where did it happen? 13:4

=Siloam

Did the eighteen men know that morning that they were going to die that day?

=18 people

How did death come to them?

=suddenly

Did they have time to repent?

=no time to repent

Men’s view What might the people in Jerusalem have thought about the dead? 13:4

=more guilt than other people

What might the people in Jerusalem have thought about themselves? 13:4

=less guilt than 18 people

=religious point of view

Jesus’ view What was Jesus’ view of the 18 dead persons? 13:4,5

=same but no chance to repent

What was Jesus’ view of those who were alive? 13:5

=we need to repent

What is the most important urgent thing a person should do while alive? 13:5

=repentance

=don’t be self-righteous

1. Why did a man plant a fig tree? 13:6

=for fig

How long didn’t the fig tree bear fruits? 13:7

=three years

=Lev 19:9

Why did the owner decide to cut off the fig tree? 13:7

=no fruit

Why did the owner decide to give one more year to the fig tree? 13:8,9

=the vinedresser asked one more year

=the purpose of tree is bearing fruit

What should the fig tree do when it is given a second chance?

=one more chance, now the fig tree needs to bear fruit

=the owner is patient

What determines the longevity of the fig tree?

=fruit

1. Has your life been fruitful to the Lord?

=God is watching our lives

Is the Lord willing to give you a second chance?

=yes

What makes your life fruitful?

=By repentance

=every person can bear fruit, but they need to repent

=what is the repentance: confess your sin, God is giving us new heart

1. Compare repentance with regret.

=Repentance: Luke 15:18 I have sinned against heaven and against you

No repeat

Weed: pulling out root

=Regret: Genesis 3:12 excuse, rationalizing, avoiding responsibility

Repeat again

Weed: cut only top, it will come back because the root is alive.