

The Parchment



Studies for making fully devoted followers of Christ

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Confident in Christ

Luke 13:18-35

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Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

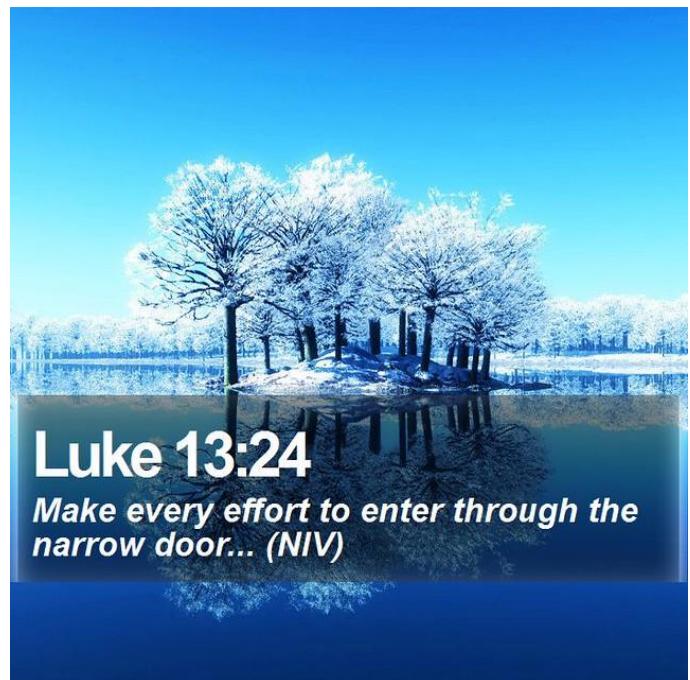
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will finish chapter 13 of Luke. As Jesus is teaching He tells them about the Kingdom of Heaven. At the beginning He describes it as a mustard seed and as yeast in bread. Then He goes on to say that only those that chose the narrow path will find it. When He tells them that some will be locked out it undoubtably creates concern. The chapter ends with some pharisees coming to warn Jesus that Herod is trying to kill Him and that He must leave the area. Jesus' response again shows His genuine concern for the people. Join us this week as we talk about our confidence in Christ and His concern for us all.

On the Kingdom of God

18 Thus Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? To what should I compare it? 19 It is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the wild birds nested in its branches.”

20 Again he said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God? 21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour until all the dough had risen.”

The Narrow Door

22 Then Jesus traveled throughout towns and villages, teaching and making his way toward Jerusalem. 23 Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” So he said to them, 24 “Exert every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. 25 Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, then you will stand outside and start to knock on the door and beg him, ‘Lord, let us in!’ But he will answer you, ‘I don’t know where you come from.’ 26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ 27 But he will reply, ‘I don’t know where you come from! Go away from me, all you evildoers!’ 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves thrown out. 29 Then people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and take their places at the banquet table in the kingdom of God. 30 But indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Going to Jerusalem

31 At that time, some Pharisees came up and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.” 32 But he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Look, I am casting out demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. 33 Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, because it is impossible that a prophet should be killed outside Jerusalem.’ 34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would have none of it! 35 Look, your house is forsaken! And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**’”

① EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
 2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
 3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
 4. Is there anything repeated?
 5. What is emphasized?
 6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
 7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. What do the analogies of the Kingdom of God mean in verses 19 and 21?

9. Will only a few be saved?

10. Why will those that claim to know Jesus be locked out?

11. What will happen to those locked out?

12. Why did Herod want to kill Jesus?

13. Why does Jesus lament Jerusalem's killing of the prophets and still long to gather her children under His wing?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

14. What do you think when you think about the Kingdom of God?

15. Should we be concerned that some will claim to know Jesus and be locked out?

16. How can we be sure we will not be locked out?

17. What character of God do you see in this passage?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes