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## Repentance Luke 13:1-9 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ 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.

#### ❷ 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.

#### ❸ 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 start chapter 13 of the Gospel of Luke. The first 9 verses have a very clear message of repentance. Jesus is telling His disciples that they must repent from their sins. Jesus also addresses two very tragic events that took place in the region not long before his address. Pilate had some people killed and a different group of people were killed by a tower falling on them. It was common for people to look at these tragedies and ask, what did they do wrong. Jesus clearly address that they should not view all tragedy as a punishment for their sin. Their sin was not any worse than others. However, Jesus uses the occasion to point out the importance of repentance for all people. Join us this week as we talk about the benefit and importance of repentance of our sins.

*I tell you, no! But  
unless you repent, you  
too will all perish.  
Luke 13:3*

## **A Call to Repent**

1 Now there were some present on that occasion who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 He answered them, “Do you think these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered these things? 3 No, I tell you! But unless you repent, you will all perish as well! 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them, do you think they were worse offenders than all the others who live in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you! But unless you repent you will all perish as well!”

## **Warning to Israel to Bear Fruit**

6 Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the worker who tended the vineyard, ‘For three years now, I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and each time I inspect it I find none. Cut it down! Why should it continue to deplete the soil?’ 8 But the worker answered him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year too, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. 9 Then if it bears fruit next year, very well, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**o 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 happened to the Galileans?

9. Why do you think the Galileans suffered this tragedy?

10. What is Jesus encouraging them to do? Why?

11. What is the point of the parable with the fig tree?

12. Who do we relate to in the parable? How?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Does Jesus give an answer for why these bad things happen? Should we expect bad things to happen to us?

14. Why is repentance important for us when Jesus has already offered forgiveness?

15. When do you find it difficult to repent?

16. What is the benefit of repentance?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

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

*Sermon Notes*