

Luke 13:10-21 – Bible Study

Opening questions:

When was the last time you grew something from seed? How did it go?

Read:

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General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

The woman's suffering and healing

- Can you connect with the woman's prolonged suffering in any way (v11)?
- Jesus saw this woman (v12), how can we best respond when we see suffering in people's lives?
- A more personal question... Are there areas that are keeping you bent over or tangled up on the inside?
- If you have ever struggled for a prolonged period of time, what have you found helpful – both for your physical/mental wellbeing and your walk with God?
- What do you make of the connection between "Satan" and infirmities? (v16) How do we understand and handle this faithfully but sensitively?
- How do we best pray for healing today?

The synagogue leader's hard heart

- Are there any ways in which Isaiah 29:13 is true for you? *"These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules..."*
- A more personal question... Are there any areas where you feel you have gotten out of step with God's heart (like this synagogue leader – v14)?

The Kingdom of God

- What is your understanding of the phrase 'The Kingdom of God'?
- In what ways is God calling you to play a part in extending his kingdom today?
- Have you felt small in the past few weeks, what has made you feel like this?
- Are there areas in your life where you need to experience God's rest (like the Sabbath)?
- What steps do you need to take to allow God's kingdom to take over more of your life? (v21)