



"Two Trees, a Healing, & a Hypocrite"

Luke 13:6-21

June 16th, 2019

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you dealt with any ongoing, chronic illnesses in your life? In what ways have you perceived God's help to deal with them?

QUICK REVIEW

The Gospel of Luke is a detailed, carefully-researched account of the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luke 9-19 records the Lord's movement from Galilee to Jerusalem where He will die for our sin. In this text, Jesus stresses the need for fruitfulness in the nation of Israel. Then we see a test case to see if they have heard the call to repent and walk in the way of their Messiah.

Read Luke 13:6-21

1. **The Parable of the Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9)**
2. **The Healing of an Afflicted Woman (Luke 13:10-12)**
3. **The Reaction of a Legalistic Leader (Luke 13:13-17)**
4. **The Parable of the Mustard Tree (13:18-21)**

Was any point in this weekend's message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Galatians 5:16-26. In what ways do you see the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit in the story of the woman's healing? In what ways have you seen the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit in your life this week?
2. Take another look at Luke 13:17. How can this be a pattern for the gathering of the local church?
3. What are the glorious things God has done in biblical history? In your church? In your life?
4. The problem with legalism is that it adds human regulations to the word of God, just as a "safeguard." Such traditions of men can hinder fruitfulness when they are asserted as authoritative principles. What human rules or expectations must we beware at Bethel Grace?
5. The Kingdom of God is in fact growing like a mustard tree spreading its branches across the earth. Have we seen this growth at Bethel Grace? What kind of growth should we desire or expect?