

Community Group Homework Questions

1. When Jesus was told about the tragic loss of life that had occurred at the hands of Pilate in Luke 13:1, He responded by warning those present, “unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). In response to the eighteen people who were killed by the tower that fell in Siloam, Jesus again warned those present, “unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:5). What is true repentance? How can we be sure that we have truly repented of our sin and will not face God’s judgment? In other words, what are the fruits of genuine repentance that should be manifested in our lives that give us assurance that we have truly repented of our sin?
2. In Jesus’ parable in Luke 13:6–9, Jesus used an illustration of a vineyard owner who patiently allows opportunity for a tree to bear fruit before he has it cut down. This illustration is a picture of God’s patience toward unbelievers by mercifully and graciously giving them time to repent and turn to Jesus in faith though they are deserving of His judgment. How does God’s patience with you prior to your salvation cause you to worship Him? How does God’s demonstration of patience with you prior to your salvation inform how you should relate to others?
3. Romans 2:4 states, “Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?” God’s kindness, forbearance and patience demonstrated by holding back His judgment on unbelievers is meant to lead them to repentance. However, God will not always be merciful to the unbeliever who refuses to repent. We see this reality illustrated in the words of the keeper of the vineyard at the end of Jesus’ parable when he says of the fig tree, “Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down” (Luke 13:8–9). There will come a time when God will no longer act mercifully to the unrepentant, fruitless person, and they will experience His judgment. How should these two realities inform how we evangelize to unbelievers (the fact that God is being patient with them in the present moment, but if they don’t repent His patience will one day end and they will receive His judgment)?
4. Extra Question: How do you want to grow spiritually during the break from community group? What is one practical step you will take to grow in that way?

Repent or Perish

Luke 13:1-9

Series #80

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Repent or Perish.”** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Shortly after 9/11, a lot of Americans became what?
2. Our Lord’s teaching at the end of chapter 12 got a response from some and they asked Jesus about a couple of what?
3. Jesus took this occasion to continue to do what?
4. What we are told in verse 1 lines up with what we know about the character of what person?
5. Based upon verse 2, the basic question people were asking about the worshippers who were murdered was what?
6. Almost all Jews assumed that what were signs that God wasn’t pleased?
7. Job experienced uncommon suffering, so his friends assumed what?
8. The crowd hearing Jesus assumed that He would respond to the report about the slaughtered Galileans by indignantly denouncing what?
9. Instead of indignantly denouncing Roman brutality, Jesus gave a warning about what?
10. Did Jesus state that the Galileans who were slaughtered were worse sinners than others?
11. Jesus was warning His Jewish audience about what?
12. Where was Saloom located?

13. What did people wonder about those who died in the tower collapse?
14. Every time we hear of death or know someone who dies, it should remind us of what fact?
15. What story in Scripture is an example of people dying because of specific sin?
16. When did severe judgment come upon unrepentant Israel?
17. What was the end result of Israel refusing their Messiah, their King, and His salvation?
18. Are you like the people of Israel in this passage?
19. What was often used to represent Israel?
20. The Old Testament uses what picture as a symbol of divine judgment?
21. Jesus cursed a fig tree as a vivid picture of Israel's what?
22. If you fail to take Matthew 21:19 in context you could read it as some kind of what?
23. What did Israel look like at the time Jesus cursed the fig tree?
24. All that the people of Israel could look forward to in Isaiah 5 was what?
25. In Isaiah 5:8-23, how many woes or judgments are stated against the calloused people of Israel?
26. Jesus was illustrating that the only thing Israel could look forward to was the curse of judgment because they were what?
27. God is merciful and gracious and what?
28. How long had the vineyard owner in the parable already waited?
29. The parallel of the parable is obvious and that is that God was what with Israel?
30. It has been said that the Old Testament is the continual what of Israel?
31. God is patient and forbearing and longsuffering but there comes a time when fruitlessness and barrenness has to be what?
32. What is something the people of Israel could never rightly say?
33. Are you one who continuously spurns your opportunity to repent?
34. In Matthew 3:10-11, John is NOT talking about what? He is talking about what?
35. What is John basically referring to when talking about baptizing with the Holy Spirit and with fire?
36. According to I Corinthians 12:13, what do ALL believers in Christ receive?
37. Those who do NOT repent and place faith in Messiah Jesus will be immersed in what?
38. Of the two categories of people in the whole world, which are you in?