

## **STUDY GUIDE: PARABLE:** “What’s In A Kingdom?” (Luke 13:1-9; 18-30)

### **Discussion Starters**

1. What do you think of when you hear “Kingdom”?
2. Is the Kingdom now or later?

**Study:** Read Luke 13 in preparation for the following questions.

3. What is the background of these parables?
4. What are the primary points of these parables? (Sum it up in brief sentences.)
5. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“culprits” (Luke 13:4)—

--“Let it alone” (Luke 13:8)—

--“strive” (Luke 13:24)—

--“depart” (Luke 13:27)—

--“evildoers” (Luke 13:27)—

6. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

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7. What does the “fruit” of someone in the Kingdom look like?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is “leaven” and what did it symbolize?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What does “some are last will be first and some are first who will be last” refer to (13:30)?

**Taking It Home** (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

10. What does “cut it down” (13:9) mean to people who do not bear fruit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Is the necessity for “bearing fruit” consistent with the teaching that salvation is by faith not works? Please explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What is the most important lesson you learn about the Kingdom from these stories?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What should your response be to these stories?