

Life Again

Community Group Leaders Guide

Luke 13:1-9 /// Week of September 10

Today's big idea: Repentance gives us Life Again.

The ice breaker here doesn't have to be related to salvation. It could be work, marriage, kids, moving from one city to another, etc.

- Talk about a time when your life changed the most (non-faith related).
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of the parable of the fig tree.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 3:1-9 in the Bible.
- What was the point that Jesus was making in the first five verses? **Not all sinners experience tragic circumstances but we still need to repent.**
- How does the parable connect with the first five verses? **Jesus has come to tend the soil. Now is the time for repentance and bearing fruit.**
- What is repentance? How would you describe it to someone else? **Change of mind AND change of direction/choices.**

Heart

This section is where your group should be able to begin being authentic and transparent. Be prepared to model these principles for them.

- Share with each other a time when you repented of your sins.
- How did repentance change your life?
- Why is repentance a difficult step to take sometimes?

Hands

In the first question try to move past vague generalities. Help them get someone in mind and then make a plan for intentionality.

- In the parable the man dug around the fig tree and fertilized it with the hopes of leading to new fruit. How can you invest in others to lead them to repentance and new fruit? Who do you have in mind?
For the next question feel free to just leave a time of silence at the beginning of the prayer time for people to repent on their own. Certainly, group members can share what they are repenting from but that might be a big step for most.
- Are there things you need to repent of now? As you close in prayer ask God for forgiveness, new direction and new fruit.

Next Week

- Forgiving others gives us Life Again
- Luke 6:27-38