

Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

SSBC Luke Bible Study #51

Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.

Passage: Luke 13:22-35

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“Someone Asked Him ...”

Is there something you've always wanted to know or understand about God but you haven't gotten around to asking Him yet? Or maybe you aren't at a place in your spiritual journey where you have such a dialogue with God. In this week's study we'd like to invite you to try your hand at asking God some questions – perhaps some eternally important ones.

You see, Jesus is warning us not to wait too long before entering the Kingdom of God. When it comes to the narrow gate that leads into the Kingdom, Jesus urges us not to put off finding it. If we wait, we very well may never find it. And finding it involves asking God some important questions:

- Why does sin have such a grip on me?
- Why did Jesus have to go to Jerusalem and die?
- Will you really forgive me?
- Can I be sure I'm saved?

Pray ... Read ... Ask ... and you shall receive.

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Bible Study:

1. Read this week's Bible passage and use the chart below to note your observations and notes below.

| Scripture | Your Observations & Notes |
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| <p>²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"</p> <p>He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'</p> <p>"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'</p> <p>²⁶ "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'</p> <p>²⁷ "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'</p> <p>²⁸ "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹</p> | |

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| <p>People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."</p> <p>³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."</p> <p>³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!</p> <p>³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"</p> | |

[Start with a few easy questions you're comfortable trying to answer]

Question: *(Write one of your questions from page 4 here)*

Answers/Notes/Ideas: *(Try some of the steps listed on page 5)*

Application: *(How does what I've learned here apply to my life?)*

[Now try a few of the harder questions you asked on page 4.]

Question: *(Write one of your questions from page 4 here)*

Answers/Notes/Ideas:

Application: *How should I apply what I've learned here?*

Note that even if you can't answer these questions to your satisfaction, you can still make application. (e.g. I don't know ____, therefore I should be ____.)

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Work Together

Meet with your small group bible study team (or another Christian if you're not in such a group). Share your questions with one another and work together to find additional answers & perspectives. Use this space to record other peoples' questions, their answers to your questions, etc.

PS: Do you like coming up with questions about passages of Scripture? If so, would you be interested in helping us write these Bible studies? If you'd like to explore that idea, send an email to studyeditor@southshorebaptist.com (or mail a paper note to "Luke Study Editor" via the church if you don't have email access).