

Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“Repent Before It’s Too Late”

Luke 13

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Big Idea

Jesus lovingly warns people to repent, bear fruit, and enter through the narrow door before it is too late.

Disciple-Making Focus

Disciple-makers faithfully proclaim Jesus' urgent call to repentance..

I. Disciple-Makers _____ People that Repentance Cannot Wait (vv. 1-5)

“Unless you repent, you will all perish as well.” (Luke 13:5, CSB)

Key Truth:

Tomorrow is not promised.

II. Disciple-Makers _____ People that Repentance Must Produce Fruit (vv. 6-21)

“A man had a fig tree that was planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none.” (Luke 13:6, CSB)

Key Truth:

True repentance always results in transformation.

I III. Disciple-Makers _____ People that the Door Will Not Stay Open Forever (vv. 22-35)

“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door...” (Luke 13:24, CSB)

Key Truth:

The invitation is open today, but it will not remain open forever.

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Small Group Questions — Week 16

Series: *Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers*

Week 16 Title: Repent Before It's Too Late

Text: Luke 13

Start Here — Reflective Question

Have you ever ignored a warning and later wished you had listened? What happened?

Read the Passage

Have someone read **Luke 13** aloud before discussion.

Discussion Questions

1. Repentance Cannot Wait — Luke 13:1-5

Jesus responds to two tragic events by saying: "Unless you repent, you will all perish as well."

Why do you think Jesus shifted the conversation away from the victims and toward the crowd listening to Him?

Why do people often find it easier to focus on the sins or failures of others than to examine their own hearts?

The sermon said: "One of Satan's favorite lies is, 'Later.'"

Why is delaying repentance so dangerous?

What does genuine repentance look like in the life of a believer?

2. Repentance Must Produce Fruit — Luke 13:6-21

In the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, the owner finds no fruit, but the gardener asks for more time.

What does this parable teach us about God's patience and mercy?

Why is it possible for someone to appear spiritually healthy while producing little spiritual fruit?

The sermon said: "God's patience is not permission to remain unchanged."

What stands out to you about that statement?

What kinds of fruit should increasingly characterize the life of a disciple of Jesus?

3. The Narrow Door — Luke 13:22-30

Someone asks Jesus: "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

Instead of discussing numbers, Jesus says: "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door."

Why do you think Jesus made the question personal?

What are some false things people trust in for salvation today?

Why is it important to understand that Jesus alone is the way to salvation?

How would you explain the "narrow door" to someone who is spiritually seeking?

4. The Heart Behind the Warning — Luke 13:31-35

Jesus ends the chapter by weeping over Jerusalem.

What does this reveal about God's heart toward people who reject Him?

Why is it important to remember that biblical warnings come from love, not merely judgment?

How does Jesus' compassion challenge the way we think about evangelism and disciple-making?

5. Disciple-Makers Warn and Invite

The Disciple-Making Focus for this week was: "Disciple-makers faithfully proclaim Jesus' urgent call to repentance."

Why do many Christians hesitate to talk about repentance today?

How can we speak truth without sounding harsh or condemning?

Who in your life may need both the warning and invitation of Jesus right now?

What practical step could you take this week to begin or continue that conversation?

Disciple-Making Connection

Jesus did not warn people because He wanted to condemn them.

He warned them because He loved them.

As disciple-makers, we are called to do the same.

Who is one person God may be prompting you to pray for, invest in, or have a spiritual conversation with this week?

Close Together

Spend time praying together.

Pray that God would:

- * Give you a heart of continual repentance
- * Produce spiritual fruit in your life
- * Help you walk faithfully through the narrow door of discipleship
- * Fill you with compassion for people who are far from God
- * Give you courage to speak truth in love
- * Open doors for spiritual conversations this week

Ask God to help you lovingly warn, invite, and point people to Jesus while the door is still open.