

St. Jerome's Adult Bible Study

Assignment
Week 6 May 8

Read Luke chapters 13, 15, 16 – *Repentance, the Lost, Lazarus*
(If you have time, also read chapters 14, and 17)

Review the following questions:*

1. What questions do I have?
2. What was the worst tragedy in my community last year?
3. In vv. 13:6-9 who does the tree represent? Who is the farmer? Who is the owner? Why the urgency?
4. If I had “one more year” to turn my life around, what would I do? What “fruit” do I want to be producing by this time next year?
5. According to Jesus, who will make it through the “narrow door” and who won’t (v. 13:24-30)?
6. In verses 15:1-2, who is in Jesus’ audience? How do they respond to him?
7. What is Jesus’ point in 15:7?
8. Verses 15:11-31 tell the story of the prodigal son. How old was I when I left home? Where did I go? Was I ready for the world? Who in my family was the “obedient one” and who was the “wild one”?
9. If I had been the father of the son in the story, would I have given him his inheritance early?
10. If I could invite one of the brothers in this story to dinner, which one would it be? Why?
11. Of the two brothers, which one reminds me of my own story? How is this story like my own spiritual pilgrimage? Where or what is my “far country”?
12. Compare the earthly lives of the rich man and Lazarus (vv. 16:19-21). Can I visualize the two? For whom do I have most sympathy?
13. Compare the eternal lives of the two. Can I visualize them now? Do I have sympathy for the rich man?
14. On a scale of 1 (the rich man and his brothers) to 10 (Lazarus), where do I stand? How is this Bible study helping me to understand what might be in store for me after earthly life?

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