

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Luke 13:18-35 (March 22, 2026)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of Wednesdays Sermon.* —

1. How does the statistic that 57% of evangelical church-attenders believe many religions can lead to eternal life reflect a shift away from biblical teaching, and what are the dangers of this pluralistic mindset?
2. In what ways does the parable of the mustard seed challenge our expectations about how God's kingdom grows, and how have you witnessed this principle in your own faith journey or church community?
3. Jesus commands us to 'strive to enter through the narrow door' in verse 24. What does it mean practically to strive for salvation, and how does this balance with the truth that salvation is by grace through faith?
4. Why do you think Jesus uses the image of people knocking on the door saying 'Lord, open to us' only to be told 'I do not know where you come from,' and what does this reveal about the difference between religious activity and genuine relationship with Christ?
5. The sermon mentions people who 'ate and drank in your presence' yet were still rejected. How can we guard against having an appearance of faith without the reality of a transformed heart?
6. What does the phrase 'some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last' teach us about God's values versus the world's values, and how should this shape the way we view others in the church?
7. Jesus laments over Jerusalem saying 'How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing.' Where in your life might you be resisting God's loving invitation to draw near to Him?
8. The sermon emphasizes that we must 'work out our own salvation with fear and trembling' as Paul wrote in Philippians 2:12-13. How do we maintain a healthy tension between resting in God's grace and actively pursuing holiness?
9. Considering the warning about those who will experience 'weeping and gnashing of teeth' while seeing Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom, how should this reality affect the urgency with which we share the gospel with others?
10. Jesus told the Pharisees to tell Herod 'that fox' that He had work to finish, demonstrating His commitment to completing His Father's will despite threats. What 'work' has God called you to complete, and what fears or threats might be hindering your obedience?