Sermon Discussion Questions

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The Personal Kingdom

Luke 13:10-17

1. God Sees Us Personally: Jesus saw and healed the woman who had been bent over for 18 years. How does this story remind us that God sees us and cares for us personally, even in seasons of prolonged hardship or discouragement? How might this truth change the way we pray or trust Him?

2. Freedom in the Kingdom: Jesus came to set people free, yet we can sometimes place unnecessary burdens on ourselves and others through rules, expectations, or a desire to prove ourselves. Where might we be tempted to do this, and how can we help one another experience the freedom and life Jesus offers?

3. Grace Instead of Condemnation: The synagogue leader focused on the rules rather than celebrating the woman's healing. How can we become so focused on being right, following rules, or correcting others that we miss opportunities to show grace? What does it look like to hold firmly to biblical truth while helping people experience God's love and redemption?

4. Putting Faith into Practice: The synagogue leader's opposition became evident when Jesus put His teaching into action. How can our knowledge of Scripture become more than simply knowing the right answers? What are some practical ways our Life Group can demonstrate the life and freedom of God's kingdom to people who are hurting, overlooked, or struggling?

5. Participating in the Kingdom: The sermon reminds us that we are called to participate in God's kingdom, not merely observe it. Who are some people in our lives or community who may feel unseen, burdened, or trapped by shame or hardship? How can we pray for them and take a practical step this week to help them experience the love, hope, and freedom of Jesus?

Closing Application

Where do you need to be reminded that God sees you, knows you, and loves you? What is one practical step you can take this week to help someone else experience the love and freedom of Jesus? How can we pray for one another as we seek to live as active participants in God's kingdom?

Interpretation / Application Questions

Interpretation:

1. What does this passage teach us about God? God is the main character of the Bible, so he should be our starting point. Every passage of Scripture reveals something about God, even if he's not specifically mentioned.

2. What does this passage teach us about people? As the pinnacle of God's creation, humans are at the center of his purposes. Think through what the passage reveals about our identity as divine image-bearers.

3. What does this passage teach us about how to relate to God? Loving God with our whole being expresses itself in a variety of ways. Start by looking for reasons to praise God.

4. What does this passage teach us about how to relate to others? God created us to be in community with one another. When he saves us from our sins, he makes us part of the body of Christ. Start by considering what the passage shows about interacting with others—family, friends, roommates, coworkers, classmates, neighbors, fellow believers, non-Christians, etc.

Application

1. What does God want us to understand/think? God has given us the mind of Christ, but we are still tempted to think the way we did before we knew Christ. Deep and lasting transformation begins with the renewal of our minds. Reflect on any wrong ways of thinking that the passage exposes.

2. What does God want us to believe? We may understand a truth at an intellectual level without letting it shape how we live. Consider what false beliefs the passage reveals and what gospel promises you need to believe.

3. What does God want us to desire? This question targets the affections—the combination of desires, inclinations, feelings, and will that are the spring of our actions. God calls us to desire him above all else, but apart from the work of the gospel we will desire what's evil. Reflect on how you see the sinful desires mentioned or implied in the passage show up in your own life, as well as the kind of godly desires you should be cultivating.

4. What does God want us to do? When God's Word changes how we think, what we functionally believe, and what we desire, it will produce tangible change in what we do and don't do. Sometimes a passage gives us direct commands. But many are far less straightforward, requiring us to think carefully about specific actions.