

## Jesus Stories

This week's reading: Luke 13:1-9  
Discussion Guide: March 23, 2025

### **CHECK UP:**

\*Memory Work: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. – Romans 12:2

\*In what ways did you strive to live in God's will this past week?

### **OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Did you B.L.E.S.S. someone this past week? (*Begin in prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share*)

### **READ and ASK: Luke 13:1-9; 2 Peter 3:8-14**

- Why do you think people often assume that people suffer because they are uniquely bad?
  - o What is the danger of associating someone's misfortune with sin?
- What did Jesus mean by his warning, "unless you repent, you too will all perish?"
- Why did Jesus tell the fig tree parable after discussing the two tragic events?
- What does it mean to bear fruit?
- How does 2 Peter 3:8-14 challenge you?

### **APPLY:**

- What "second chances" has God given you?
- Is there anything you have been spiritually "putting off"? (*Repentance is for today.*)
- If you literally had one more year to produce fruit like the fig tree, what would you do? (John 15:1-8)
  - o NEXT STEP: How does that place priority in your life for this week?
  - o What fruit do you think God wants you to be producing by this time next year?

### Memory Work:

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – 2 Peter 3:9

### Next Week's Reading:

Matthew 21:28-46