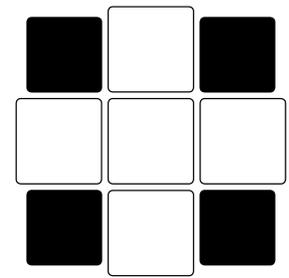


The Need to Repent

Scripture: **Luke 13:1-5**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

In this passage, those who were present with Jesus came to him and told him about some sort of massacre that happened in the temple. Their intentions of sharing this with Jesus was not to make him aware of the event but to point out that the Galileans suffered in such an evil way because of their great sins. This was a common belief in the day that the reason for suffering tragic deaths or misfortunes had to do with some great secret sin. See John 9:1-2. Jesus answers his listeners saying “No.” They did not die because of some great sin or because they were worse sinners. Jesus also teaches that the Galileans were not better. All are sinners and need to repent. Jesus says, “I tell you; but unless you repent, you will likewise perish. To drive his point home he shares of another another instance where 18 people died because a tower fell on them. Again, Jesus says they did not die because they were greater sinners and then again calls his audience to repent. We are all sinners that need to repent. Real repentance is true sorrow for sin leading to a turning away from sin. **Repentance is the path that leads to life.**

Corroborating Texts

John 9; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 7; Acts 3:19

Discussion Questions

1. Do you sometimes have the same thoughts about others as those in Jesus day had about the Galileans?
2. What the the two types of repentance that Joe shared? [selfish repentance: where you are caught or are aware of the consequences and you change because you don't like them. Godward repentance: desire to honor God and walk in his ways]
3. What is the difference between feeling sorry and true godly sorrow?
4. Why do we need to repent as Christians? [we are free of the curse of sin but not the corruption]
5. Why are we so resistant to repent? [love sin, we think repentance is punishment and don't see it as a grace or gift, or simply think that we can't]
6. Are you going to repent? Are you going to repent now?
7. Why is it important to repent of particular sins rather than general ones?
8. What is the problem with delaying repentance? [your heart will harden]