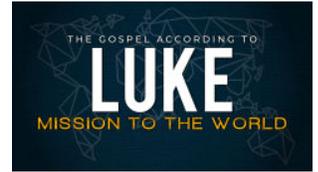


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Scripture: Luke 13:22-30



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus teaches that he is the exclusive door of salvation from sin and its eternal consequences, and he invites everyone to trust in his atoning work on the cross and the eternal blessings that follow.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. What question was Jesus asked, and what do you think prompted it? Discuss the reason this continues to be a relevant question today.
2. What does Jesus mean by his command, “strive to enter through the narrow door”? How does this reconcile with other passages, such as Ephesians 2:8-9 that claim salvation is a gift from God?
3. Maintaining Jesus’ illustration, what is on the other side of the door? What is preventing us from traveling through?
4. What bold claim is Jesus making about himself in this passage (John 17:3)? How is the gospel fundamentally at odds with the *pluralism* and *relativism* of our world? Share some ways our world attempts to create ways around Jesus or to dismiss him altogether.
5. When is the most opportune time to respond to Jesus’ call and command? What’s the frightening result of those who refuse Christ (verses 25-28)? Why are some surprised at their fate (verses 26 and 30)?
6. How is sharing the exclusivity of Jesus as the way, truth, and life (John 14:6) a demonstration of love and not hate? With whom is the Spirit leading you to share this immensely good news?
7. What will be the reward of those who heed Jesus’ call to repent of sin and trust his atoning work on the cross (verse 29)? How should this reality influence our daily lives?