

DAY 1 – LUKE 13:1-17

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2.
 - a. How did Jesus shift the focus of the people away from Pilate?
 - b. How can you use this strategy to avoid gossip?
 - c. Explain how gossip is a sin. (See CCC 2477)
3. What is repentance? (See CCC 1431)
4.
 - a. Twice Jesus says “By no means: But I tell you; if you do not repent you will all perish as they did.” What is He teaching? (See CCC 1035)
 - b. How are sin and suffering related? (See CCC 1264)
5.
 - a. In the parable of the fig tree who is the owner? _____ Who is the gardener? _____ Who is the fig tree? _____
 - b. What does the parable teach you about God's character? (See 2 Pt 3:9)
 - c. Can you relate this parable to the issue of Capital Punishment? (See CCC 2265-2267)
6.
 - a. What is bondage to sin?
 - b. How do you experience freedom from bondage, bad habits or self-indulgence? (See Gal 5:13-26; CCC 943, 1434-1435)

DAY 2 – LUKE 13:18-30

7.
 - a. Sometimes we may feel that our work for Christ is insignificant. How can the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast be a source of encouragement?
 - b. How can the mustard seed and the yeast symbolize the Church?
8. What do you think is required to enter through the narrow gate?
9. What did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob do that allowed them entrance to the kingdom of God? (See Heb 11:8-21)
10. Who will come from the east and west, north and south? Who are the last that will be first? (See Eph 2:11-18)

Days 3 & 4 – Luke 13:31-14:14

11. What do you think Jesus was telling the Pharisees in verses 32-33?
12. a. How is the image of wings used in the following passages?
• Deut 32:11 _____
• Ps 17:8-9 _____
• Is 40:31 _____
- b. Why do you think this analogy is often used to describe God's care for us?
13. How does verse 34 illustrate the concept of free will?
14. Compare Jesus' priorities with the Pharisees' priorities as portrayed in 14:1-6.
15. a. The Pharisees were fanatical about the Sabbath rest. What is fanaticism?
b. How can it be dangerous?
c. Do you have an unhealthy fanaticism about some element of your faith? **(Personal)**
16. How can you apply the parable of the banquet to everyday life?
17. a. Jesus often stresses humility in His stories. Search the Proverbs for verses that stress humility and/or scorn pride.
b. Who in your life comes to mind when you ponder the virtue of humility? **(Personal)**
18. Jesus says not to do things for people in anticipation of being paid back. What other motives – good or bad – might we have for helping others?

Day 5 – Luke 14:15-35

19. What is meant by “to dine in the kingdom of God”?
20. a. Why do you think people gave excuses for not attending the “banquet”?
b. What happened to those in the parable who made excuses?
c. Why do you think the master sent his servant after the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame?
d. Apply this parable to society today.
21. In verse 23, the master orders the servant to “make people come in”. What can we do to “compel” people to come to the banquet?
22. a. What three things must we do to become disciples of Christ (the cost of discipleship)?
b. Explain the meaning of each requirement.
23. Explain the connection between discipleship and verses 34-35.