

Luke 13:18-21 – Characteristics of the Kingdom of God

1. Consider the “So” that begins verse 18 and connects His teaching in this paragraph with what He was saying just before? Or, in other words, how is His teaching on the Kingdom of God connected with its context?
2. Remember, in a parable, there is one main point. Not everything in the parable has an application. What insight(s) you gain about the Kingdom of God from Jesus’ illustration of the mustard seed? (vs. 18-19)
3. In the Bible, leaven is often a symbol of sin. What insight(s) do you gain about the Kingdom of God from Jesus’ illustration of the leaven and the dough? (vs. 20-21)

Luke 13:22-30 – How to be One Who is Saved

4. In verses 22-27, Jesus has moved to another location, as He is teaching His way to Jerusalem. Does His teaching here still relate to the Kingdom of God? Or, has the subject changed to something else? Support your answer.
5. Jesus says that the means to being “saved” is to enter by the Narrow Door. What is the Narrow Door and what is on the other side?
6. If someone does not enter by the Narrow Door, what other option is available to them?
7. Here is something to think about – reflect and reason. What do you learn about the Kingdom of God in verses 28-29?

8. Do a word-search for “Kingdom of God,” thus far in the Gospel of Luke. Record what you learn from each text about the Kingdom of God. Consider the context of each reference. What is being said about the Kingdom and why? (You’ll want to use a separate sheet.)
9. What questions does this list raise in your thinking about the Kingdom of God? There will be more to discover about the Kingdom of God in the remainder of Luke.

Luke 13:31-35 – Jesus Closes-in on His Goal

10. Notice the timing of verse 31ff. Who is addressing Jesus? Why is he so concerned about Jesus being safe?
11. In verses 31 & 32, is Jesus saying that on the “day after tomorrow” He would reach His goal”? Of what goal (τελειόω [*teleioō*]) is He speaking? How do you know? (in context)
12. What emotion does saying this prompt in Jesus? Why?
13. Describe chapter 13 of the Gospel of Luke in 10-words or less.