

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 9-11-2022**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Think of a time where you had two conflicting choices. How did you decide between them, or did you refuse to choose?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Luke 13:1-35 Two Gates

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Read aloud Luke 13:1-9. Jesus teaches not to judge people based on what happens to them. His focus is repentance. How does the fig tree speak to repentance?
2. Read aloud Luke 13:10-17. Look specifically at verse 11. Jesus says her affliction was caused by a demon. Does that have any relevance to us in our time? Have you had experience with anything pertaining to this?
3. Read aloud Luke 13:18-21. Are these two comparisons to the Kingdom about the negative or positive? How did you come to this conclusion?
4. Read aloud Luke 13:23-30. Vs 30 has a renewed idea of the importance of position and entrance into heaven. Discuss what you think about being first or last and also, what is Jesus' point for us to apply this passage?
5. Read aloud Luke 13:31-33 and Hosea 6:1-2. What is the point Jesus is making in the Luke passage and how can it connect with Hosea?
6. Read aloud Luke 13:34-35. Jesus was speaking about the unrepentant people in Jerusalem here. What words would you use to describe His heart for them? How can you respond to Jesus' words, in our world today?

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?