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Discussion Questions

Week of: September 14, 2024 // Sermon Text: Luke 13:10-21

Sermon Overview

Rejoice in the restoration God's kingdom unstoppably brings.

- (1) Jesus has come to restore and set free (vv. 10-17)
- (2) This restoration will spread quietly but unstoppably despite opposition (vv. 18-21)

Ice Breaker

How would your life look different if you had more freedom?

Leader Note: Someone may ask what kind of freedom you're referring to. Feel free to let each person choose whatever kind they want. It will be intriguing to hear what kind of freedom people choose: spiritual, financial, physical, emotional, social, etc. In the passage, the crippled woman gets a new kind of physical freedom, which Jesus uses to highlight the spiritual freedom that is available through him.

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 13:10-21

1. God often furthers his Kingdom on earth through the weak and unimpressive (like the disabled woman in the passage) to show that the power belongs to him. **How should this reality encourage us to be faithful in what may seem like small things?**
2. Jesus freeing the crippled woman physically (vv. 10-13) is a picture of what he intends to do for the world spiritually. **If you're a follower of Jesus, how have you experienced spiritual freedom? If you're not, what do you hope Jesus could do for you?**
3. Jesus has come to restore and set free. **In what area(s) of your life are you most eager to see Jesus restore and set free?**

4. Freedom is something that is valued and often spoken of in America. **How might we pivot in a conversation with an unbeliever about political freedom to speaking of the freedom Christ brings from sin, Satan, and death?**
5. **When we see the brokenness and “bent-ness” of the world around us (in the news headlines or in our own lives), what truths from this would it be good for us to keep in mind?**

Leader’s Note: This is a good opportunity to encourage members to anchor their answer in a specific part of the Bible. A helpful nudge could be to ask: “What part of this passage inspired your response?”

6. **How do we know that Jesus' healing the disabled woman (vv. 10-17) is connected to his answer of what the Kingdom of God will be like (vv.18-21)?**

Leader’s Note: The word “therefore” in verse 18 connects the two together.

7. Verses 18-21 give us a picture that the Kingdom of God will be established often in slow, seemingly unnoticeable ways rather than spectacular displays of spiritual might and triumphant conquest. **How have you seen this in the history of the church¹? How does this encourage you now?²**
8. Jesus’ For followers of Jesus, his restoration work in us has already started, but not yet fully completed. **How might knowing the “already ... not yet” nature of God’s restoring work in us lead to increased hope, joy, and peace in our hearts?**
9. **What is one area of your life where you could make a small beginning (as small as a mustard seed) of faithfulness, that God might use to further his unstoppable Kingdom?**

Prayer

¹ Luke 12-24: *The Kingdom is Opened*, Mike McKinley, 11.

² “This should be an encouragement to us when it does not seem that God is at work in the world around us. When we share the gospel but do not see immediate fruit, we have to remember that God works in his own ways and in his own timing (see 1 Corinthians 3:6-7). When our churches and our daily lives seem ordinary and unspectacular, we should take comfort from the lesson of the mustard seed – God does not often work in ways that seem impressive at the beginning. We can continue being faithful, knowing that God is in no hurry and that he is content to build patiently and slowly.” *Luke 12-24 For You* by Mike McKinley, 36.