

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture:

Luke 13:1-9

Featured Scripture Reflection

“The gardener said, ‘Let’s give it another year. I’ll dig around it and fertilize it, and maybe it will produce next year; if it doesn’t, then chop it down.’” (Luke 13:9, The Message)

Opening Icebreaker

What recent tragedy in the news caught your attention? What was it about this event that caused you to pay attention?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- What idea about life is Jesus rejecting by telling these tragic stories?
- What does Jesus say about all of us in response to these tragedies?
- What does Jesus’ story say about the importance of the soil?
- When you think of Jesus’ response to the tragedies of life, what is Jesus’ new interpretation?

How is your life touched?

- “Life is not fair!” What about that statement really gives you trouble?
- Who does the fig tree represent in Jesus’ story?
- How is your life like/unlike the tree?
- How open are you to receiving God’s “manure” in your life?
- What fruit do you want to be producing by next year?

What is God’s invitation to you?

- Jesus’ story speaks of a troubled world. He invites you to accept a gift of “manure” to enable you to overcome the world. What is your response on a daily basis to God’s gift?

What can you pray for?

- Pray that Chilson Hills will be a joyous Community of God’s incredible love power celebrating Jesus Christ and spreading God’s gift of manure in every corner of our world.