

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 13:22-30

Ice Breaker: When was a time that you missed or almost missed “the boat”? What was the relief like if you made it? OR what was the disappointment like and how did you respond to the person “at fault” for causing you to miss it?

Ice Breaker: What are some exciting plans for you or your family this summer?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 13:22-30:** What is the context of this passage and the wider section in Luke? How does this passage relate to the rest of Luke 13?
2. **Review:** What does it mean that Jesus is “journeying toward Jerusalem” in verse 22? How does this remind us of Luke’s larger structure of the Gospel of Luke? If this interpretive concept is true, “structure imbeds meaning”, what is the “meaning” of Luke’s carefully constructed structure of his Gospel?
3. What was the question that someone from the crowd asked Jesus? What the meaning of the question in the context of Jesus ministry to the Jews?
4. How does Jesus respond to the question? Does he answer it directly or does he give the crowd something else? What is the switch in the question to the answer that Jesus makes (*Answer: “from Who to You”*)? Why does this matter?
5. Jesus gives a hard, sobering yet very necessary warning in this passage through two different images. What was the message that Jesus gave? What were the different images?
6. Why is this a necessary message for Jesus’ immediate context? Why does it matter to the Jews in Jesus’ day?
7. What is the message for us today? Why do we need Jesus’ warning of urgency? What is at stake if we do not heed Jesus’ message?
8. Why do you think that Castleton Community Church specifically needs to hear this message and warning?
9. How does Jesus end his answer? Why is this surprising? Should it be surprising for the Jews? Why is it? What does it matter to us today, in 2023?

Application: Spend a few minutes praying for one another and encouraging each other to continue to pursue Jesus and a personal relationship with him.