

ULC Sermon Study Resource
The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Laments
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What fictional world or place would you like to visit?

Reading: Luke 13:22-35

Outline:

- I. Focus on the door (v. 22-30)
 - a. Jesus says that each person should strive for the narrow door to be saved.
 - b. The door by which we can enter the kingdom is through faith in Jesus. We must truly know Him and have a relationship with Him to enter.
Q: Who is the master in this parable, and why does he not let the people in?
- II. Don't be deterred (v. 31-33)
 - a. The invitation of this text is to avoid distractions and to focus on Jesus.
 - b. We should be undeterred by the actions of others and continue to lift our eyes.
Q: How does Jesus respond to the threat of Herod?
- III. Shelter under my wings (v. 34-35)
 - a. Jesus says he longs to gather the people of Jerusalem under His wings, but they have yet to accept the prophets sent to them.
 - b. When we live in light of the shelter He provides, we can then extend that shelter to others and invite them through the door.
Q: How has Jerusalem responded to prophets in the past?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What does it mean to aim for the narrow door without getting distracted? Are you aiming for this?
- 2) What is the difference between simply knowing about Jesus and knowing Him? What would it look like to truly know Jesus?
- 3) What does it mean to 'lift your eyes'? Do you need to work on this in your life?
- 4) What does it mean to you to live under the sheltering love of Jesus?
- 5) What are some practical ways for you to extend shelter to others in the same way that you receive it from God?

Suggestions for further study:

- Isaiah 60:4 **Q: What does Isaiah say we should do with our eyes?**
- John 5:24 **Q: What do we have to do to have faith and gain eternal life?**
- Hebrews 12:1-2 **Q: How do these verses echo what we discussed about lifting our eyes?**

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, teach us to know you. We want to know you and have a relationship with you, not just know about you or to agree to some things in our mind. We pray that you would give us eyes to see you, the one who came for us. Help us to not be deterred by the things around us, but to lift our eyes to you always. In your holy name we pray, Amen.