

**DATE OF MESSAGE:** June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**MESSAGE TITLE:** Unless We Repent

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 13:1-5

### **KEY TRUTH**

*Jesus gives us important instructions on how we should respond to sin in our lives and in those around us.*

### **OBSERVATION**

*What truth from Sunday's message was most meaningful to you?*

*Why do you think those present told Jesus the story about Pilate killing worshippers while they offered their sacrifices?*

*Read verse 2. What truth does Jesus bring to light by asking those present this question? What error does He seek to expose in their thinking?*

*What did Jesus promise would happen to those who refuse to repent? What did He mean by saying that those people will all perish?*

*What point was Jesus driving home when he mentioned a tragedy that involved the deaths of 18 people?*

### **APPLICATION**

*In verse 2, Jesus asked those standing around if they thought the Galileans got what they deserved because they were 'worse sinners?' What sins come to mind when you think of the worst sins people commit? Does God rank sins in a particular order? What might Jesus' rhetorical question here reveal about the commonly held belief that God sees shades of sin - that is, that some sins are worse than others?*

*What recent tragedies might reveal the belief that those who died 'got what they deserved' because they were worse sinners? How*

*might we combat such error with biblical truth that points people to repentance?*

*What do we learn about repentance from this passage? Why does Jesus repeat this phrase twice in this passage: 'but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish'? Ask God to grant you repentance over the sins He reveals in your life.*

### **PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus, please grant me a repentant heart over the sins you reveal in my life. Help me deal first and fast with the sins you bring to mind. Lead me by the power of your Holy Spirit to replace error with biblical truth that sets me free from shame and guilt. Thank you for laying down your life on the cross so you could give us your resurrection life to live through us!*

### **SHARE POINT**

Read Luke 13:1-5 and review the application questions. Share with someone in your life how God's Word is changing you into a growing disciple. Encourage that person to do the same. That person could be a family member, a friend, a co-worker or a neighbor.

### **COMMENTARY NOTES**

The incidents concerning Pilate killing the Galileans and the fall of the tower in Siloam are not recorded elsewhere in Scripture. Nothing more is known about the incident in which Pilate killed worshippers who were offering sacrifices. Jesus' rhetorical question reflects a popular view that tragedies and physical ailments were due to personal sin. His answer here denies such connections in these two cases. Though Jesus regularly has compassion on those who suffer, here he draws a broader lesson: this tragic event is a warning that final judgment is coming to the entire world. The tower in Siloam was probably part of the wall of Jerusalem near the pool of Siloam.

### **SOURCES CONSULTED**

ESV Study Bible

Serendipity Bible for Personal and Small Group Study