

Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide

Reasonable Faith – 2/25/24

Luke 13:31-35

INTRODUCTION

- In what situations do you tend to feel most compassion for other people? In what situations do you find it hard to show sincere compassion?

DISCUSSION

Have a volunteer read Luke 13:31-33

- What was Jesus' response to the threat of Herod? Did he appear concerned?
- Read Matthew 2:13-18. Jesus' life had been threatened before, and Mary and Joseph fled. What was different in Luke 13?
- What was Jesus' goal according to verse 32?
- What would you say is your goal in life? How do a person's goals impact his or her commitment to Christ? Give an example.

Have a volunteer read Luke 13:34-35

- Instead of anger toward Herod, Jesus' thoughts turned to Israel. What emotions did Jesus express in verse 34? What does Jesus' response teach you about His heart toward you when you reject His commands?
- If Jesus longed to gather His people, then why did He leave Jerusalem?
- Read Isaiah 45:22-25. What does this passage tell us about the ultimate plans of God. From Jesus' words in verse 35, what level of confidence did He have in God's plan?
- Would you say you have the same confidence in God's promise that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord? Explain.
- Do you lean more toward rebuke and anger in your relationships or toward compassion and forgiveness? What role do sorrow and compassion have in our sharing God's purpose and plans with other people?
- What choices does God allow you to make in light of His unstoppable plans? How do you see His love in this?

APPLICATION

- Is there something or someone that threatens to derail your pursuit of God's purpose? What makes it hard to respond with conviction and/or without fear? What would help you this week to press on toward the goal the way Jesus did?
- How can your group help you and be praying for you?