

LUKE 13

Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

- 1. In Luke 13:10-17, Luke tells a story of Jesus healing a woman on the Sabbath. Many in the crowd were indignant because Jesus worked in a way they didn't approve of rather than being delighted at the work of God on display. How do your preferences affect the way you interact with or how you feel about church?
- 2. This week, Alex pointed out that in God's kingdom a little goes a long way. Can you think of a time when someone did something relatively little but it went a long way in your faith? How could your little go a long way in someone else's life? What is in your hands that God has given you to use?
- 3. In Luke 13:34, he says he longs to gather them in and care for them, despite their rejection of him time and again. Jesus often shows compassion to people. The dictionary defines compassion as deep sorrow over someone's suffering and a desire to alleviate that suffering. Where are you in need of Jesus' compassionate embrace in your life this week? How can you draw close and allow him to comfort you?
- 4. In the same way that Jesus offers compassion to us, he asks us to do the same for others. What is difficult about offering compassion to people who have hurt you? How could you allow God to use you to show compassion to someone else?
- 5. What is one thing God has been teaching you this week? How are you going to respond to that?
- 6. Take some time to close in prayer together. Perhaps praying to thank God for his salvation and compassion discussed in this chapter. Perhaps asking him to use your little to do much in the kingdom. Or maybe to ask his help to show compassion to someone who needs it.