

**Home Group Discussion Questions**  
**Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Luke 13:22-35**

1. Someone asks Jesus, 'Will those who are saved be few?' (v23) – what have we learnt already in Luke's gospel about how to be 'saved'?

Key passages:

- Luke 8:9-15 (hear and believe)
- Luke 13:1-5 (v3, 5: repentance)

2. v24, why does Jesus say the door to salvation is narrow? What does he mean that we should 'strive' to enter?

3. What can we learn from Jesus description of the people knocking on the door? For example:

- the period of salvation
- why some who seek to get in the door are not allowed in
- why familiarity with Jesus/his people is not enough.

4. v27-8: Why is the concept of hell an affront to people?

5. How might you explain (and defend) the concept of hell to a non-believing friend?

6. Considering v28-29, will those who are saved be few?

7. What does Jesus mean, 'some who are last will be first, and some are first who will be last'?

How should that influence how we see ourselves?

[The gospel both profoundly humbles us and lifts us up]

8. How do you typically respond to those who oppose the Christian faith and message?

Considering how Jesus responds to first Herod (v31-32) and then Jerusalem (v34), what can we learn about how to respond to those who oppose the message?

9. Considering how Jesus responds to the threat from Herod (v31-33), what can we learn as to who is in control of the timing and circumstances of Jesus' death? [see also Acts 2:23; 4:27-8].

What does that tell us about God's character and attributes?

Why can that give us hope for those times when we go through suffering?