

Wesley United Methodist Church – Weekly Bible Study

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Sermon: Why?

Luke 13:1-9

1. In our text, the people want answers as to why tragedy has occurred. They question if the people who were killed by Pilate while making sacrifices to God, and those who were killed by the falling of the Tower of Siloam died because their sin was greater than those who were still alive. How do you understand Jesus' response?
2. Jesus never denies that sometimes sin does cause death, but basically tells the questioning people that our response to tragedy is more important than worrying about whose sin is greater. What do you understand that response to be?
3. How do you understand repentance and do you believe it to be a one-time thing?
4. What do you think the people were supposed to gain from The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree? How does this parable give you hope?
5. How does this study help you to grow in faith?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank for this day and for everyday that we arise, for we know not what tomorrow holds. In just an instant, our lives could be changed forever by our own action, the action of others, or by nature. We thank you for the Word that reminds us to, "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Your word gives us hope that even in the midst of our barren seasons, you deem us as worthy to be saved. We thank you for the holy gardener, Jesus, and for Jesus' love, grace, mercy, and power, who never gives up on us. My prayer today, Lord is that the Holy Spirit will help me to live a life of repentance; therefore, ever ready for whatever I might face. Help me to not waste time trying to understand the mysteries of God, but to trust more in a God who knows all, a God who is all powerful, and who makes no mistakes. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.