

**Study Guide - Week 3**  
“Jesus Visits Church”  
Scripture: Luke 13:1-20



Have you ever been in attendance at a church service, wedding or funeral that was unexpectedly interrupted? What was it like?

**Let's Dig into Our Bible Passage:**

Let's look at the before and after.

- Read Luke 13:1-9. What is Jesus's point in verses 1-5? Is he being callous towards the suffering of others? How does it connect with what He is saying in 6-9? What point do the two passages make together?
- Now read 13:18-20. How does this relate to the conversation Jesus began in verses 1-9?

Read Luke 13:10-17

- What do you make of this disabling spirit? Are there other hints in the passage about what might be going on with this woman?
- What thoughts do you think went through her mind when he called out to her (in the middle of the service)?
- Why was the ruler "indignant?" Take a moment and look up the passage he is referring to, Deuteronomy 5:13.
- How significant is it that he addresses the people and not Jesus?
- Now read the next verse, Deuteronomy 5:14. It is no accident that Jesus makes the comment he does is it?. What point about the man is Jesus trying to make?
- Take a moment and count up the "freeing" words you find in this passage. How many do you find? (Hint: don't forget the animals.) What does this tell us about the way Jesus sees her situation?

- Is the woman the only one in the passage who needed freeing from something? Why or why not?
- Christians would later speak in the Bible about being “freed from slavery to sin.” (ref: Romans 6 and 7) Why is this a helpful way to think about sin?
- Why might the ruler’s hypocrisy and legalism made it especially difficult for him to experience freedom and new life in Christ?

**Let’s Apply this to our lives and our world:**

- Where have you experienced and enjoyed the freedom that Christ offers?
- Sabbath is mentioned five times in this passage. Why is sabbath an important part of experiencing new life in Christ?
- What does “sabbath” look like for you during Covid life?
- What burdens or battles are you fighting in this season of life? How could we as a group could come alongside you in this?
- Are there ways you have recently been experiencing victory in Christ that we could celebrate with you?

End your time with prayer!