**CONFRONTED WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD!**

**(Luke 13)**

1. **THE EVIDENCE FOR HIS KINGDOM (v.1-17)**
2. Repentance (v.1-5)
3. Fruit (v.6-9)
4. The Changed Life (V.10-17)
5. **THE EXPANSION OF HIS KINGDOM (v.18-36)**
6. The Picture of (v.18-21)
7. The Participation in (v.22-30)
8. The Price Paid (v.31-35)

Based on….LUKE 13:9

Great Puritan John Bunyan..saw that the caretaker’s promise to “dig around it” indicated that its root structure was perhaps earthbound. In one of his sermons: “Barren fig tree! See how the Lord Jesus, by these very words, suggesteth the cause of thy fruitless soul. The things of this world lie too close to thy heart; the earth with its things has bound up thy roots; thou are an earth-bound soul.” Then Bunyan has Jesus, the caretaker, address the owner-the Father: “Lord, I will loosen his roots; I will dig up this earth, I will lay his roots bare. My hand shall be upon him by sickness, by disappointments, by cross providences. I will dig about him until he stands, shaking and tottering until he be ready to fall.” (Picture…the astonishing mercy/love of God…He digs to free us, pounds on us through life’s ups and downs, pries at our earthly attachments, so that we might become fruitful!)

TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER:

Where are you in relation to the Kingdom of God?

Do you know with certainty, based on God’s Word, that you are in the Kingdom of God?

What evidence is there in your life that you are in His kingdom?

Familiarity, procrastination, and loving evil prevented people from “entering through the door” to the Kingdom. Are these present in your life?

Do you know with certainty that you PERSONALLY have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

Would you describe it?