QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you felt the

 undeniable presence of God in your life? What convinced you God

 was present?

2. How would you explain the phrase, “kingdom of God,” to an

 unbeliever?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about the

 kingdom of God:

a) Luke 9:62

b) John 3:3

c) Acts 14:22

d) Romans 14:17

e) I Corinthians 4:20

f) I Corinthians 15:50

g) Galatians 5:29-21

4. What are three reasons in this passage that Jesus gives to explain

 why some will not be allowed to enter heaven?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to write out my description of the kingdom of God.
* I am going to share my faith with someone this week and invited them to come to church with me.
* I am going to memorize John 3:3.

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Luke 13:18-30 Study Series #062

***What About the Kingdom of God?***

**I. Introduction**

 A. The Imagined Kingdom

 B. The Kingdom of God is at Hand

 (See Matthew 3:2; Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15;

 Matthew 12:22-28; John 6:1-15; Luke 13:10-17;

 Mark 15:43; Luk2 23:51)

**II. The Kingdom of God**

 A. The Kingdom of God is Like a Mustard Seed

 (See Luke 13:18-19; Matthew 13:31-32; Ezekiel 17:22, 24;

 Ezekiel 31:3-9; Daniel 4:20-22; Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:14;

 Acts 2:41; Acts 4:4; Matthew 13:19; Luke 8:5,12; Jude 1:4)

 B. The Kingdom of God is Like Leaven

 (See Luke 13:20-21; Matthew 13:33-35; Luke 12:1;

 Exodus 12:14-20; I Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9)

 C. The Kingdom of God has a Narrow Entrance

(See Luke 13:22-24; Mark 15:31; Acts 27:20; Acts 28:4;

 Luke 8:36; Mark 5:23; Mark 16:16; Matthew 7:13-14;

 John 14:6)

 D. The Kingdom of God Will be Closed to Some

 (See Luke 13:25; II Peter 2:5; Genesis 7:16; Psalm 95:7-11;

 Hebrews 3:7-8; Hebrews 3:15; Hebrews 4:7; Luke 13:26;

 John 17:12; Matthew 26:24-25; Luke 13:26-17)

 E. The Kingdom is Not Preferential

 (See Luke 13:28-30; Luke 13:25; Matthew 8:12;

 Matthew 13:42,50; Matthew 22:13; Matthew 25:30;

 Psalm 107:1-3)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

**Passage of Study**

**Luke 13:18-30**

**18**So He was saying, “What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it? **19**It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.”

**20**And again He said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? **21**It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened.”

**22**And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. **23**And someone said to Him, “Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?” And He said to them, **24**“Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. **25**Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open up to us!’ then He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’ **26**Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets’; **27**and He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from; depart from Me, all you evildoers.’ **28**In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. **29**And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline *at the table* in the kingdom of God. **30**And behold, *some* are last who will be first and *some* are first who will be last.”

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