

Luke 13:10-21 | CG Notes

A. Explore

Read Luke 13:10-21

- What do you learn about Jesus from this scene? What is he like? Does anything about his response here either surprise or encourage you?
- How does God's glory and the woman's good relate to each other in this passage (v. 13)?
- Why is the ruler so indignant? (Consider the outer and inner reasons.)
- Read Exodus 20:8-11 and Exodus 31:12-13. Why might it be fitting that this woman should be set free on the Sabbath? What about the nature and meaning of the Sabbath makes this appropriate?
- In verse 18, what is the "therefore" there for?

B. Apply

Pick one or more of these to consider as you close:

- Have you experienced the Gospel as rest? Why or why not?
- Do you rest enough (e.g., take a day off, sleep, etc.)? Why or why not? What might your rest habits suggest about your worldview or beliefs?
- Like the synagogue ruler, have you ever found yourself frustrated with Jesus because he did something that didn't fit your expectations or agenda? According to this story, what do we miss when we focus on our frustrations?
- Should we still set aside a weekly day of rest and remembrance? Why or why not? What might we lose if we don't, and what might we gain if we do?
- What is your "eighteen years" struggle? Are there any areas in your life where you feel stuck and discouraged? How can our group pray for and/or encourage you?
- Where in your life have you seen God bring his kingdom near, slowly but surely? How might you encourage someone who's in the "slowly" phase?