

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you experienced a crisis. What did you learn from that experience?
  
2. What are some of the reasons people want to assign blame when there is a crisis?
  
3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about handling crisis in our life:
  - a) Deuteronomy 31:6
  - b) Joshua 1:9
  - c) Psalm 34:17-20
  - d) Psalm 46:1-3
  - e) John 16:33
  - f) II Corinthians 12:9
  - g) Philippians 4:6-7
  
4. Why is the parable of the fig tree in the vineyard an “open-ended” parable?
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - I am going to pray for and encourage a person going through a difficult time.
  - I am going to write the ending of Jesus’ parable based on my response to command to repent and bear fruit.
  - I am going to memorize Joshua 1:9.

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Luke 13:1-9

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## ***The Proper Response to a Crisis***

### **I. Introduction**

A. When Bad Things Happen to Good People

B. The Spiritual Perspective of a Crisis

(See Matthew 26:5; Matthew 27:24; Luke 13:1; Luke 13:4-5)

C. Ancient Attitudes Toward a Crisis

(See Job 1:8; Job 4:7-8; John 9:1-3)

### **II. The Wrong Response to a Crisis: Assigning Blame**

A. We Want to Blame the Person

(See Job 2:13; Isaiah 9:1; Matthew 4:15; Luke 13:2;  
I Corinthians 11:27-30; I Peter 3:14-17; I Peter 4:19)

B. We Want to Blame Others

(See Genesis 3:1-13; Luke 13:4)

### C. We Want to Blame God

(See Luke 13:4; Job 1:16)

### D. We Blame Ourselves

(See I Kings 17:8-24; I Timothy 1:15; Romans 8:1)

## III. The Right Response to a Crisis: Embracing Grace

### A. The Parable of the Fig Tree

(See Luke 13:6; I Kings 4:25; Micah 4:4; Zechariah 3:10; Luke 13:7; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 3:7-10; Isaiah 5:1-7; Romans 9:1-5; Luke 13:8-9; Matthew 24:2; Mark 13:2; Luke 19:44; Luke 21:6)

### B. Unless You Repent, You Will All Likewise Perish

(See Luke 13:3; Luke 13:5; Matthew 3:8; John 15:2)

## IV. Communion

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Corinthians 11:26-31)

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 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans because they suffered this *fate*? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were *worse* culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

<sup>6</sup> And He *began* telling this parable: “A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the vineyard-keeper, ‘Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup> And he answered and said to him, ‘Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; <sup>9</sup> and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, cut it down.’”

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