

Sunday, November 13, 2016

“Bound, Confused, & Resistant”

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Key Passages: Luke 13:10-35

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Now would also be a great time to allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday’s message

Main Ideas

- Jesus had an unbroken connection with the Father and it lead all his actions and words.
- When Jesus spoke it was authority that the other “religious” leaders lacked.
- Jesus heals a woman who has been disabled 18 years and influenced by a demon.
 - There is a tension that exists when it comes to sickness, hardship, trial.
 - Is every sickness because of a demon? Is every trial something God wants us to learn from?
- The woman was **bound**.
- It is God’s will that we live FREE (not bound).
- Jesus then talks about the Kingdom:
 - It’s like a seed growing into a great tree.
 - It’s like yeast/leaven.
- Jesus calls us to strive to enter through the narrow gate/door:
 - There will be regret.
 - There will be some who cannot enter.
 - We have to think about whether we are **missing** something.
- Jesus, talking about Jerusalem, communicates that:
 - God wants to draw us deeper.
 - Bryce said, “God has more for us to experience with Him than we are often willing to allow.”
 - Sometimes we can be **resistant** to what God wants to do or where He wants to take us (Jerusalem & killing the prophets, v34).

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these.)

1. What do you think it means to be bound? What does it feel like or look like when you or someone you love and care about is bound?
2. If you’re comfortable sharing, how are you bound in your life right now?
3. Conversely, what do you think it means to live free? What does it feel and look like?
4. How do you think God might be calling you to be unbound?
5. Explain a time when you felt like God revealed that you were “missing” something about your relationship with Him or what it meant to follow him.
6. Is there anything you feel that God has been revealing to you recently that you might be missing?
7. When was a time when you felt like you were resisting God and what He wanted to do in you and through you? What did/are you learning through that process?
8. Is there some way that you are being resistant in your life today?
9. What is God, as Bryce put it, “wooing” you into these days?