

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#54 – “The Open Invitation Will End!” – Luke 13:22-30

I. Introduction

A. The story of Oskar Schindler.

1. Only one train lead to life while all others led to death.
The same is true in Jesus remarks.

B. Today’s Text: Luke 13:22-30

II. Exposition

A. Luke 13:22

1. Jesus is resolute in finishing His Father’s work which will culminate in crucifixion.
2. His destiny in death raised humanity’s destiny.

B. Luke 13:23

1. An honest question.
2. Similar debate in the first century as is present today on who might be saved.
 - a. The Mishnah.

C. Luke 13:24

1. Jesus does not answer the question.
2. Similar response in the Sermon on the Mount
 - a. Matthew 7:13-14
3. Jesus’ response is focused upon striving rather than numbers.
4. He confronts complacency.

5. In what sense do we strive?

- a. Not in works.
- b. But in repentance – Luke 9:23-24

6. Assault on inclusivism.

- a. Jesus said the same thing in different ways.
 1. John 10:19

D. Luke 13:25-28

1. Jesus’ remarks are directed to people who think they are in the kingdom.
 - a. A kind of labor dispute lockout.
2. Jesus does not know those trying to enter – Matt. 7:22-23.
3. Clearly speaking of the pains of hell.

E. Luke 13:29-30

1. A global plan.
2. The seed of the woman would be drawn from all people groups.
 - a. Genesis 3:15; 12:3; John 12:32
3. The unexpected reverse.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The narrowness of the door is actually the attitude of repentance in the heart.
- B. The narrowness also confronts the inclusivism and relativism of our age.
- C. The unredeemed are living on borrowed time.
- D. Warnings are for those who are in the pews.