

Listening Guide
Sunday, September 8, 2019
Studies in Luke 13
How to Face Undeserved Criticism

Luke 13:14-17 - But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

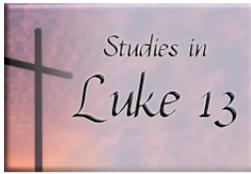
1. Prepare _____ . (v. 14)

2. Respond _____ . (15-16)

No response

Wise response

3. Make sure _____ . (Titus 2:7-8)



Application Guide
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Home Group/Study Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

Large Group

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful or applicable to you?

Small Group

2. Can you remember a time when someone criticized you, or talked bad about you to others? How did you feel? How did you respond? In **1 Peter 4:12-16** there are two kinds of opposition we face – deserved and undeserved. How important is it that we take time to examine criticism to see which it is? How are we to respond to criticism when we are in the wrong?
3. Read **Proverbs 26:4-5**. How can you determine when you should not respond to criticism, but just let it go?
4. Read **1 Peter 3:13-17**. When you discern it is the wise thing to respond, what are some of the ways you can be better prepared to answer those who criticize your good theology and the godly behavior that so often offends them?
5. Read **Daniel 6:4** and **1 Peter 2:15**. Does the way you live and interact with others validate your testimony? Are there specific “good deeds” that you can practice consistently that show that your life has legitimately been changed by Jesus Christ?