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Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Luke 13:18 - 30

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

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Sermon Summary:

We all make presumptions, educated guesses, in life. But when it comes to a sure fire, rock solid, I know this based upon facts, approach to the Christian life, well, presuming is not the best way forward. In this passage, Jesus pushes back against the way that most Jews thought about 'how' God's Kingdom would come. He also helps them see the conclusion they'd arrived at about 'who' would be in God's Kingdom was also pretty tenuous. We are not Jewish, of course. But are there presumptions, educated guesses we're making in our Christian lives? And, would we allow Jesus to challenge them?

Discussion:

1. How would you explain the Kingdom of God?
2. What was the Jewish understanding about 'how' God's Kingdom would come? What 2 things did Jesus use to help clarify 'how' God's Kingdom was coming? What was it about them that helped him make his point?
3. To address 'who' would be in God's Kingdom, Jesus uses a narrow door to illustrate the way to enter. Why does a narrow door challenge us as we think of coming to God?

4. Some people's response to the closed door was to claim 'close proximity' to Jesus or participating in things related to Jesus as a reason why they should be allowed in. How does Jesus respond to that?
5. What are these verses speaking to you about not presuming, but rather being more definite with God as you learn to follow him?

End with Prayer.

- Pray that the Lord would open our eyes to see any presumptions that we may have.
- Pray for one another's concerns.