



Why Do Bad Things Happen? Luke 13:1-5

Introduction

“Why do bad things happen in our world?” We look for reasons, cause and effect, believing that if we knew why something happened it might make our pain in the moment better. Jesus sees it differently; he says that we should look at these things as a reminder and a warning. He wants us to consider if we are right with God.

Discussion

- When something bad happens do you seek as much information as possible or stay away from learning more? Why?
- How do you respond personally when something bad happens? Do you question why, get sad, angry, or something else?

Going Deeper¹

- Read Luke 13:1-5. What stands out to you in this text?
- Why do you think the people present told Jesus about what Pilate had done to the Galileans (vs. 1)?
- Do you think Jesus’ answer is reasonable or harsh?
- When Jesus tells the people to repent, do you think he is speaking about something specific for those gathered there or speaking more generally?

Application

- What is your big takeaway from this text?
- Are you ready if tomorrow is not promised?
- How can you refocus your mind on God’s redemption rather than focusing on the bad thing that has happened?
- How can we be in prayer for you?

¹ Scripture references are from the NRSV.