



## People Matter to God

Jesus: Champion of His Church - Part 2 of 6

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**Big Idea:** Jesus intended the church to be a foretaste of what the eternal kingdom of God would be in heaven, a place where every individual is valued and loved.

**Text:** Luke 13:18-35

### **FIVE QUALITIES GOD IS LOOKING FOR IN HIS COMMUNITY OF FOLLOWERS:**

#### **I. \_\_\_\_\_.**

Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches." – Luke 13:18-19

Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough." – Luke 13:20-21

#### **II. \_\_\_\_\_.**

Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" – Luke 13:23a

He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to." – Luke 13:23b-24

"Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'" – Luke 13:25

"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'" – Luke 13:26-27

"There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth." – Luke 13:28a

**III.** \_\_\_\_\_.

“People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.” – Luke 13:29

**IV.** \_\_\_\_\_.

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” – Luke 13:31

He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!” – Luke 13:32-33

**V.** \_\_\_\_\_.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ” – Luke 13:34-35