

# Seaside's Coming Events

Sermon Series: One Life Changed the World  
Message #34 Luke 13:18-35

Seaside Community Church  
January 15, 2012

## **Elderly Ministry**

Scot Orel is organizing a ministry to serve those in retirement communities. The ministry will be starting in January if you have signed up already check your email if you would like more info or to sign up email Scott at [orelscott@yahoo.com](mailto:orelscott@yahoo.com)

## **Connecting with Spiritual Practices**

**January 22**

Do you desire to develop habits that promote spiritual growth? Then this is the class for you. This class is focused on teaching you different spiritual practices that promote your spiritual health. 4-7 pm with a light meal included. Sign up on a connection card or email [seaside@seasidehb.org](mailto:seaside@seasidehb.org)

## **Connecting with your Life Purpose**

**January 22**

Ever wondered if you were doing exactly what God created you to do? This class walks you through a process to discover your unique gifts, talents and passions and then helps you identify a place for you to serve. The class is from 4-7 pm with a light meal included. Sign up on a connection card or email [seaside@seasidehb.org](mailto:seaside@seasidehb.org)

## **Connecting with the Seaside Family**

**February 12**

This class is where you can discover who Seaside is and how you can belong. This is our membership class. The class is from 5-7 light meal included. Sign up on a connection card or email [seaside@seasidehb.org](mailto:seaside@seasidehb.org)

## **Winter Camp 2012**

**February 10-13**

The Youth of Seaside (The Break and EPIC) will be joining forces and journeying up to June Mountain, for an incredible weekend of learning about what it means to live out their faith. Cost \$270. Sign Up between Dec 7th-Jan 26th with a youth leader, \$70 non-refundable deposit holds your spot! Questions, Comments, Concerns contact Becca Wegener at: [rebecca@seasidehb.org](mailto:rebecca@seasidehb.org).

## **Growth Groups Start This Week**

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*If you are interested it's time to start thinking about imunizations Questions? [seaside@seasidehb.org](mailto:seaside@seasidehb.org)*

## **SOME HUGE QUESTIONS**

### **1. The question of influence**

**Luke 13:18-21**

- ▶ The kingdom of God has transforming power

### **2. The question of "who's in"**

**Luke 13:22-30**

- The way in is narrow  
John 3:16-21; John 6:28-29; John 10:7-10; John 14:6; John 17:3
- There is a time given to respond
- Relationship is mandatory
- There are potential devastating consequences
- There will be a shocking exclusion
- There will be a joyful inclusion

### **3. The question of care**

**Luke 13:31-35**

- ▶ Nothing deters Jesus from his mission
- ▶ His heart breaks for his children

## **Growth Group Discussion**

For the week of January 15, 2012

Luke 13:18-35

**Quick Review:** Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

### **Connecting**

1. In this week's scriptures, Jesus told stories from the garden and the kitchen. Share a favorite story from a book or movie.

2. Were the groups, clubs and teams you belonged to while growing up more inclusive or exclusive?

### **Exploring**

1. In Luke 13:18-21, Jesus describes the kingdom of God. Read Matthew 13:44-50 for additional descriptions. Taken together, what do these parables tell you about the kingdom of God and our proper response to it?

2. While the kingdom of God will be huge, the entrance is narrow (Luke 13:24). From Matthew 18:3-4, John 3:3 & 5 and John 10:9, what did Jesus mean by the "narrow door"?

3. Jesus points out in Luke 13:26-27 that simply hanging out with him doesn't guarantee admission into his kingdom. What are some alternate ways people try to use instead of going through the narrow door (for example, keeping the law)?

4. Jesus says to "make every effort" to enter the kingdom (Luke 13:24), a word also translated as "strive" or "struggle," the root of which is "agonize." Yet few people really go this far. What are some ways we can make God's kingdom the central focus of our lives?

5. Some Pharisees warned Jesus of danger in Luke 13:31, but he continued with his God-given mission anyway. See Acts 21:10-14 for a similar instance from Paul's ministry. Share an example of how advice, warnings or social pressure can distract Christians who want to walk with God today. What is the key to resisting these distractions?

6. Jesus sometimes has harsh words for the people of Israel, but in Luke 13:34, he reveals his overriding motive as love and compassion. What do the following verses tell you about God's attitude toward us: Psalm 78:38-39, Psalm 86:15, Micah 7:18 and Titus 3:5.