

**Reaching Our Full Potential In Christ**  
**Luke 13: 6-9**  
**Follow-up and Discussion Guide**

**Instructions:**

This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers “Go Deeper” in applying the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare to engage in a discussion of the questions below, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [leeroad.com](http://leeroad.com), click on media, and listen to the sermon listed above.

1. God is involved in our daily lives. He is aware of all that we think, feel, say, and do. God is always evaluating our lives to measure the level of our faith and obedience. In other words, God is always “seeking fruit” in our lives. Which of the following standards of measurement do you think God uses to measure our lives and faith? There is more than one correct answer.
  - A. Does God measure our lives by the Lost world around us?
  - B. Does God measure our lives by the Word of God?
  - C. Does God measure our lives by comparing us to other Christians?
  - D. Does God measure our lives by comparing us to Christians from the past?
  - E. Does God measure our lives by comparing us to Jesus?
  - F. Does God measure our lives by comparing us to the full potential of what we could become?
  
2. In the Parable of the Fig Tree, Pastor Todd stated that the various parts of the parable serve as symbols. Identify the following symbols from the Parable.
  - A. “A Certain Man” represents \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. The “Keeper of the Vineyard” represents \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. The Vineyard represents \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. The Fig Tree represents \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. If the “Certain Man” represents God, then this Parable teaches us that God is busy “seeking fruit” in our lives today. What Spiritual Fruit is evident in your life today? In what ways are you influencing the world around you? In what ways has your walk with God matured and developed during the past year? What are you doing to serve God that you were not doing in the past? Is “Spiritual Fruit” hard or easy to find in your life?
  
4. Pastor Todd noted that Israel/Jewish People (Fig Tree) rejected Jesus Christ. They experienced God’s judgment and discipline. They also missed blessings because they failed to fully surrender to God. Did you know it is possible for us to miss some of God’s greatest blessings because of our disobedience? Obedience and Surrender to God is not just about avoiding God’s punishment. Do you think that God has some Blessings stored up for you that He is waiting on your obedience and surrender before He gives you those blessings? What does the Bible mean by the phrase “Abundant Life?”

5. How many years did the “Certain man” inspect the Fig Tree to see if it was bearing Fruit? How many more years did the “keeper of the vineyard” ask him to wait? What does this teach us about God’s patience? Read 2 Peter 3:9. What does this verse say about God’s patience? How long does God wait on people to get their lives right with God? Does God wait forever? See 2 Peter 3:10
6. Every Christian should desire to reach their full potential in Christ. Pastor Todd noted six steps for reaching our Full Potential. They are Listed below. Which of the six steps gives you the most trouble? Which of the steps seems to come easy for you?
  - A. You must understand God’s will for your life
  - B. You must give your best in your service to God
  - C. You must walk with God daily
  - D. You must learn to overcome criticism
  - E. You must rise above your frustrations
  - F. You must not settle for “good” when God designed you for “great.”
7. Pastor Todd noted that God uses people from every walk of life to grow His kingdom. God uses people from Academics, Athletics, Music, Arts, Language, Medicine, Technology, etc. What interests, talents, and abilities has God given you? Are you using those areas of life to serve God? What talents or abilities have you quit doing that God may want you to pick up again? Do you think God is pleased when His children refuse to use their God given abilities for the Lord?
8. Pastor Todd stated, “Lazy people do not make good servants of God.” Do you agree or disagree? Why? Can a person be uncommitted to God and give Him their best at the same time?
9. Pastor Todd noted that believers must overcome “Criticism” and “Frustration” in their service to God. Explain “Criticism” and “Frustration.” How are they the same? How are they different? Have you ever allowed “Criticism” or “Frustration” to keep you from serving the Lord? If so, who won the victory, God or the Devil?
10. On a scale of 1-10, with ten being the best, are you living up to the full potential of what you could be in Christ? Take a moment to evaluate yourself and pray for God’s strength as you go forward.
11. Read Philippians 4:13. What does this verse say about your life, your future, and your potential?