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Sermon Title: "The Wake-up Call of the Corona Crisis"

Text: Luke 13:1-9 (NASB)

Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans because they suffered this *fate*? ³ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were *worse* culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶ And He *began* telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. ⁷ And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; ⁹ and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, cut it down.'"

Luke 12:54-56:

⁵⁴ And He was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out. ⁵⁵ And when *you see* a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out *that way*. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?"

1. *The urgency of turning to God. (vs.1-5)*

2. *The call to repent (vs. 3, 5)*

- a. The turning of the mind.
- b. The turning of the heart.
- c. The turning of the attention.

3. *God's active work to wake us up. (vs. 6-9)*

- a. Digging
- b. Fertilizing
- c. Passing of time
- d. Responsibility