

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Luke 12:49-59

Don't Miss the Moment



About this series: As we study Luke, we are walking through one of the most profound and transformative books in the entire Bible. In Luke, we see Jesus in new ways. We find a grace that reaches the outcast, a mercy that knows no bounds, a truth that challenges and restores, and a Savior who meets us where we are and calls us to follow Him.

Luke reveals the kingdom that comes through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It shows what it means to follow a Savior who turns expectations upside down, calling the humble, healing the broken, and welcoming the outsider. Luke invites us to be a people who carry the light of Christ, proclaiming good news to a world right where we are.

Goals of this week's discussion/study

In Luke 12:49-59, Jesus has 2 conversations – one is directed to his disciples and the other to the multitudes who are listening. Each of these conversations represent "a line in the sand" moment that Jesus is communicating. Whether you are believer in Jesus, or investigating faith, this passage has a challenge and message for you.

Connections with the 7 Marks of a Jesus Follower

- Stand In Awe: Jesus absorbed the full wrath of God in our place on the cross.
- Grace and Truth: The gift of salvation will come at a cost. Not everyone will support your decision to follow Christ.

Suggested starter questions

- How would you describe a "line in the sand" moment?
- What are some "line in the sand" moments in history that you can remember?
- Share one "line in the sand" story from your own life.

Discussion

Read Luke 12:49-53

49 "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather

division. 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

- Who is Jesus' primary audience?
- What is the "fire" that Jesus is referencing?
- What is the baptism Jesus is talking about?
- How is the "baptism" Jesus is referring to an encouragement to believers?
- Why does Jesus say that he's come to bring division?
- How might following Jesus cause potential division for people?
- Have you experienced any division in your family or with friends for your choice to follow Christ? If so, how?

Read Luke 12:54-56

54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

- Who is Jesus talking to? Why is this significant?
- What are some of the signs the multitude has missed?
- How does Jesus use meteorology as an illustration for their lack of discernment?
- What are some signs in your life that God has used to help you see him?

Read Luke 12:57-59

57 "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? 58 As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. 59 I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."

- What is the purpose of this illustration?
- How is this message one of grace and truth?
- What does it mean to settle outside of court?

Read Romans 12:10-12

For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." 12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.



- What aspect of the teaching was most compelling to your life?
- What is God asking you to do with you have learned?
- Who is someone who can help you be faithful and obedient?

Pray

- Pray for One Another
- Stand in Awe of God's grace through Jesus' death on the cross.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be faithful in discerning the times, and how to live for Jesus.

