

"The Division Jesus Brings"

Luke 12:49-59

LEARN

1. Read Luke 12:49-59. What was most impactful from the passage and sermon?
2. Reflecting on verse 49 and other portions of Scripture, what does fire do?
3. In what way is the cross something that divides?
4. What was Jesus referring to in verse 50?

PRACTICE

1. Joy comes with entering Christ's family through faith in Him, but there is also division and sorrow that comes from it when those around us lack the same faith. If you have experienced this, how has God strengthened you to stand firm when division meets you? What good has He worked in your life through the conflict you've endured?
2. In vv. 54-56 Jesus was illustrating that hypocrites cannot see their greatest need. (Israel was looking for the wrong type of deliverance, i.e. political) What is the application for us? Describe how that is lived out.

CHANGE

- Pastor Chris posed the question: "Are you squandering the days and years you've been given, or are you seeing what God has put before you and faithfully building, leading, serving the Lord?" What characterizes a life truly lived for God? How is it different from the life of one who rejects the cross?
- Last week's "Change" question was, "What areas of your life do you need to evaluate and potentially make changes to be more vigilant in your faith? What concrete steps will you take to do so?" How has the past week gone in light of those questions?