

Discussion Guide: Courageous Confession

Passage: Luke 12:1-12

Summary: As those who are full of light, Jesus' disciples will face scary opposition. Jesus calls them to a fearless confession, knowing that God will take care of them and be with them. These promises embolden us to shine brightly in the midst of a world opposed to the way of Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Jesus warns His disciples that they will face opposition from the religious leaders. In another place, he tells them that if they persecute him, they will also persecute them. We, by extension, should also expect opposition. What does that look like today?
- 2. What is your first reaction when you encounter opposition: *Flight, Fight, Fawn, or Freeze*? Why do you think that is?
- 3. Jesus then gives them four reasons they can be courageous in confessing He is Lord even in the midst of opposition. Which of these reminders gives your heart courage? Which is hardest for you to trust?
 - The truth will be revealed.
 - The sovereign God deeply cares for you.
 - Jesus, the Son of Man, speaks for you in the court of God.
 - The Holy Spirit will help you.
- 4. What would faithful presence, characterized by humility, look like in the spaces you may face opposition? How does making "love" the goal (vs. "winning") change how you are faithfully present and confess Jesus is Lord in these spaces?

Take time to pray for each other to have courage to confess Jesus is Lord in these spaces.