

Luke 12: 1-12

Hard times Tough choices



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 12:1-12

1. Read Luke 12:1-12. What is the context for these teachings of Jesus. Note the words of the previous chapter and particularly Luke 11:53-54.
2. Why, in 12:1-3, does Jesus teach his followers that they should be on guard against hypocritical words?
3. Why should God be feared? Why should God *not* be feared? Both are true in the teaching of Jesus in 12:4-7?
4. Jesus has court scenes in mind in 12:8-12, both in heaven and on earth. What does he teach about speaking when one is on trial?
5. What does it mean to “blaspheme the Holy Spirit”? Why is this unforgivable?

The Scriptures – Luke 12:1-12 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. Jesus also speaks about blaspheming the Holy Spirit in Matthew and Mark. Read Matthew 12:22-28 and discuss what it means in this context.
7. What does “Son of Man”, the name Jesus most often uses for himself, mean? One important passage in the Old Testament in understanding its meaning is Daniel 7:9-14. Read and discuss this passage.
8. In Acts 7:54-60 we read of the killing of Stephen. How do Jesus’ words in Luke 12 relate to this event?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 12:1-12 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. What sort of pressure are you under currently? What is a difficult context in which you need to speak true words and acknowledge Jesus faithfully?
10. How can we pray and support you in the way you speak and act as a disciple of Jesus?