



LUKE CHAPTER 12 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Which one of these words best characterize your response when things don't go how you expected? Poised, Rattled, Worried, Questioning?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Luke 12:1-59)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Luke 12:1-12

- Why do you think that Jesus warned His disciples about being aware of the hypocrisy of the religious leaders when it came to paying attention to themselves?
 - Jesus understood that His disciples were not immune from being hypocritical in their own lives regardless of how closely they were following Him.

- How do you hold yourself accountable to not live a life of hypocrisy in your following of Jesus?
 - How do you allow others to hold you accountable in this regard?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- What do you think that Jesus is encouraging His disciples to remember and cling to in the midst of incredibly unstable and uncertain circumstances?
- Jesus is encouraging His disciples to remember and cling to the fact that He is in control, has their backs, and will provide them every single thing that they need for whatever moments they encounter.

Luke 12:13-34

- In Jesus' parable of the rich fool, Jesus is in no way condemning wealth. Rather, He is speaking against building our own kingdoms fueled by our own personal agendas and ambitions.
- In what ways do you need to be more focused on helping to build God's kingdom rather than building your own?
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- Why do you think it is easy to worry even as a disciple of Jesus? How can we proactively remember that God has our backs at all our times?
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Luke 12:35-59

- In this section of text, one of the things that Jesus is talking about is living life with purpose, urgency, and vigilance.
- What are your personal barriers/obstacles that hinder you from living in this way and what do you do about them?
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- In verses 49-53, Jesus is not saying that His desire is to turn family members against each other. Rather, He is saying that devotion and allegiance to Him should come before anything and anyone else.

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- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. [Luke chapter 13]



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