

Jesus, As told by Luke  
Luke 12:1-12  
Discussion Guide: April 16, 2023

**CHECK UP:**

Memory work: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Did you take time to write out, or share your story? Did you at least consider what the three parts of your story are (before Jesus, meeting Jesus, after meeting Jesus)?

**OPEN:**

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
- (If you are back in the rhythm): What stood out to you from this past week's reading? What do you still have questions about?

**READ and ASK: Luke 12:1-12**

- What most stands out to you about this text? Why?
- How does hypocrisy work like yeast (see 11:37-54)?
- How might the disciples have felt about Jesus' words about impending trouble?
  - o How do you feel about it? How does the possibility of persecution make you feel?
  - o How does Jesus teach his followers to fear and yet also be fearless?
- What does the imagery about the sparrow and hairs say to us?
- What situations tempt people not to acknowledge Jesus before others?
- What have you understood and learned about the subject of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? Has it been a subject that scares you?
  - o After the sermon, are you comforted?

**APPLY:**

- How does Jesus call for complete and open commitment in this text?
  - o How does that challenge you?
  - o In what way or ways do you struggle with being open about your faith in Jesus?
  
- Would you say that you fear God or man more? What evidence is there?
  - o NEXT STEP: How can you work towards growing in your trust of God this week?

Memory Work:

"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup>But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. - Luke 12:8-9

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 12:13-13:9