

Luke 12:49-59
For the week of 1/11/26

Reflection

1. What were some of the insights for you from Sunday's sermon?

Read verses 49-50.

2. How does verse 49 speak of judgment and to whom?
3. What is the baptism that Jesus is to be baptized with (See also Mark 10:38)? Why is he longing for it to be accomplished?

Read verses 51-53.

4. Compare and contrast these verses with Matthew 10:34-39.
5. How is peace being defined (See also Matthew 5:9; John 14:27, 16:33; Philippians 4:7)?

6. How does following Christ bring division?

Application

7. How do you personally define peace? Is it more inward or outward? Why?

8. How do you handle division (in family, friends, community) when it involves following Christ and His truth?

Read verses 54-56.

9. What is Jesus saying here?

Application

10. One of the points of Sunday's message was, selfishness blinds us to our real need. How is this true?

11. What can we do to prevent this?

Read verses 57-59.

12. Many Bibles have a subheading over these verses of "Settle with Your Accuser". What is Jesus saying?

13. How is this an encouragement for the followers of Christ to make their peace with God? Why?

Application

Consider these points that were mentioned in Sunday's sermon:

If you already follow Jesus in His kingdom now, looking forward to the fullness to come, where do you need courage to stand out, go against the grain or swim upstream?

- *Is it among your family members, who don't share your faith or not at the same level?*
- *Is it among your co-workers who will treat you differently if you stand out?*
- *Is it among friends who won't let you into the inner circle if you go against the grain?*

14. How can you gain greater courage in Christ regarding these points?