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**Main Idea:** Our greatest need is to look beyond the superficial to see the looming judgment of God.

**Breaking the Ice**

* What are some things that distract us from deep thinking in our culture?

**Excavating the Truth**

* Reread Luke 12:54–59
* The word “hypocrite” in v. 56 means “one who plays a part,” often used for an actor in a play. Why might Jesus have chosen that word for His accusation of the listening crowds?
* How does the illustration of vv. 58–59 reinforce Jesus’ main point about the crowds’ rejection of Him?

**Applying the Truth Personally**

* What is one way in which I have allowed something superficial to distract me from God’s looming judgment?
* What is something that I need to do this week to look past the superficial to see more clearly the looming judgment of God?

**Applying the Truth Congregationally**

* How are we as a church letting the secondary or frivolous distract us from our mission?
* What can our Life Group do to help our church focus on the looming judgment of God rather than the mundane?
* How would our church look different if we saw the looming judgment of God as the world’s greatest need?

**Digging Deeper**

* Luke uses the phrase “what is right” from verse 57 again in Acts 4:19. How does comparing the phrase in that second usage help you understand verse 57?
* Meditate on the idea that your debt had to be paid to “the very last cent” (v. 59). Write out a prayer of thanksgiving to God for paying your debt in full.

**Looking Ahead**

* Read Luke 13:1–9 daily.