



Sermon Discussion Guide

August 24, 2025

Luke 12:49–53

1. Peace and Division

- **Question:** What might people who are not Christians think about the idea that Jesus, known as the Prince of Peace, came not only to bring peace but also division?
- **Discussion:** Reflect on how the sermon describes the nature of this division. Why might division be necessary in the context of faith?

2. Jesus' Sacrifice and Division

- **Question:** What does it mean that Jesus' love for us divided him from the Father, and how does this impact our relationship with God?
- **Discussion:** Consider the significance of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and its intention to bridge the divide between humanity and God.

3. Personal Experiences

- **Question:** Have you experienced division in relationships because of your faith? How did you handle it?
- **Discussion:** Share personal stories if comfortable. Discuss ways to navigate such divisions while maintaining love and respect for others.

4. The Role of Sin and Reconciliation

- **Question:** How does sin contribute to division in our lives, and how can reconciliation with God help mend these divides?
- **Discussion:** Explore the analogy of sin as something that separates us not only from God but from each other.

5. Faith in Action

- **Question:** What are some ways we can show others that our concern for their spiritual well-being is genuine, even if it might cause temporary division?
- **Discussion:** Brainstorm empathetic approaches to sharing faith and the importance of balancing truth with love.

6. Love and Courage

- **Question:** The sermon mentions that true love sometimes means risking division for the sake of someone's peace with God. How can we find the courage to lovingly confront sin or spiritual complacency?
- **Discussion:** Discuss the importance of prayer, wisdom from scripture, and support from the faith community in these moments.
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Closing prayer: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.