

Going Further

1. In Luke 12:10, Jesus said that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unforgivable. Many sincere Christians have worried about committing this sin. However, a person who fears they have committed this sin shows by their concern that they have not sinned in this way. As Christians, we receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation. As you live out your life as a Christian, what do the following verses teach you about the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?
 - John 16:7-8
 - Romans 8:16
 - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
 - Acts 1:8
2. While we will likely never have to defend our faith in a court setting as Luke 12:11 implies, we may be challenged by our boss, coworker, neighbor, professor or family member to do so. Should this happen, what does Jesus promise us in Luke 12:12?
3. Have you ever been tempted to not speak up for Jesus when given the opportunity? What happened?
4. What have you found that has built your confidence to verbally affirm Jesus and share Him with others?

Taking It Home

1. February Memory Verse: *"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 5:1
2. Prayer time – share and pray for one another

The Truth About Good Fear

Luke 12:1-12

A Turning Point in the Life & Ministry of Jesus

Luke 11:53-12:1a

A Teachable Moment about Hypocrisy

Luke 12:1b-3

Yeast: *a microscopic fungus that acts as a fermenting agent affecting a whole batch of dough*

Hypocrisy: *to play a role; to pretend; to be insincere*

Key Lesson for Christians: *a true measure of being a Christian is who you are when no one is watching*

A Teachable Moment about Good Fear

Luke 12:4-5

Why should we fear God?

1. *We should fear God because of His position over us*
2. *We should fear God because of His power over us*

What are the blessings from having a good fear of God?

When you have a good fear of God...

1. *You can experience His love and care*
Luke 12:6-7

2. *You can experience His assurance and peace*
Luke 12:8-9

3. *You can experience His forgiveness*
Luke 12:10

4. *You can experience His provision and faithfulness*
Luke 12:11-12

A good question to ask yourself today:

Do I fear God as much as I love Him?

Sermon Based Bible Study

Week of February 4, 2018

From Sunday's message...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

Getting Connected

1. In Luke 12:2-3, Jesus tells us that nothing is hidden or not heard by God. How conscious are you throughout your typical day that everything you think and do will one day be revealed? How does that make you feel?

2. In Luke 12:4, Jesus instructs us to not be afraid. What does he not want us to be afraid of? How challenging is this for you?

3. When we encounter fear due to a person, circumstance or trial, what encouragement do the following Psalms offer you?
 - Psalm 23:4

 - Psalm 27:14

 - Psalm 34:4

4. In Luke 12:5, Jesus instructs us to fear God. Have you ever been afraid of God? When? What did you do as a result of your fear?

5. Are you afraid of God now? If yes, in what sense? Describe.