Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Scripture: Luke 12:1-12



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Only Jesus can deliver us from the hypocrisy, secret sins, and fear of man that threaten to lead us to eternal destruction.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- 1. What is hypocrisy, and why does Jesus warn against it? What imagery does he use (verses 1-3; Matthew 16)?
- 2. Why do we attempt to cover up our sins? What is the inevitable consequence of unrepentant hypocrisy (Romans 2:16)?
- 3. Explain why the exposure of sin is a sign of God's grace. What is the remedy for the fear and guilt of being exposed (1 John 1:9)?
- 4. According to Jesus, what is worse than death (verses 4-6)? What's the difference between the fear of man and the fear of God (Psalm 130:3-4)? What is the antidote to the fear of man?
- 5. What do verses 6-7 teach us about God? Do you trust God loves and cares for you even when life is hard?
- 6. What is Jesus claiming about himself in verses 8-10 (Daniel 7:14; Matthew 26:64)?
- 7. What does blaspheming the Holy Spirit mean, and why is it an especially egregious sin (verse 10)?
- 8. How can we live fearlessly and boldly when reviled for our faith in Jesus (verses 11-12)? Do you depend on the Holy Spirit when nervous about sharing the gospel?