

Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide

Habits – 1/7/24

Luke 12:1-12

INTRODUCTION

- Do you think of faith as a personal, private matter or something that should be public? Is there any setting in your life where your faith is not public knowledge? If so, why is this the case?

DISCUSSION

Have a volunteer read Luke 12:1-3.

- Why would Jesus warn His disciples against the Pharisees? What does he mean by the “yeast” of the Pharisees? What characterizes yeast, and how does that relate to the behaviors and influences of the Pharisees?
- What reason do hypocrites have to fear?
- How do you feel knowing that everything done in secret will someday be revealed? Are there things you would rather no one ever know about you?

Have a volunteer read Luke 12:4-12

- Why did Jesus say to “fear Him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell” and then say “Don’t be afraid therefore; you are worth more than many sparrows”? Is it possible to both fear God and be unafraid? What does that look like?
- What did Jesus indicate in verses 8-9 about relationship with Him? Does that language comfort or discourage you?
- Can you think of any biblical examples of people who denied Jesus? Or betrayed Jesus? Consider Judas, who betrayed Jesus, also publicly acknowledged Him on certain occasions, and Peter, a faithful disciple, still denied Jesus three times. Do these help you better understand the meaning of verses 8-9?
- What does it look like to live our lives acknowledging Jesus as Lord?
- What reason did Jesus give in verse 11 for why the disciples might be fearful about acknowledging Him as Lord? How did He answer that fear? How does this apply to our lives?
- Have you experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit in a situation in which you didn’t initially know what to do or say?
- Of the fears identified in this passage—secret deeds coming to light, persecution, and hell—which (if any) concern you the most? What do you need to do about these fears?

APPLICATION

- Where do you struggle to acknowledge the lordship of Jesus in your daily life? How is God speaking to you about that?
- How can your group be praying for you?