

## **Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide**

### **Reasonable Faith – 2/11/24**

#### **Luke 12:49-59**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- How would you define peace? Can peace and conflict coexist? Explain.

#### **DISCUSSION**

*Have a volunteer read Luke 12:49-53*

- Can you think of any present-day examples of what Jesus describes in this passage? Does this part of Christ's identity and mission make you uncomfortable? In what ways?
- How does this teaching fit with the command, "Honor your father and mother"?
- Think of a secure relationship in your life. How do your disagreements with this person differ from disagreements in relationships that aren't as stable?
- When you know that your relationship with God is secure, how does that freedom encourage you?
- How can we have close relationships but still find our ultimate validation from God? Why is it difficult to let go of our need for approval from certain people in our lives?

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- What do you think Jesus wanted His listeners to use the knowledge they had to interpret?
- As believers in Christ, how should we interpret our present time? In what ways do you think the church today is getting this wrong?
- Read verse 57 again. Does this seem like a reasonable expectation? What makes us complicate issues when we know what is right? What makes it sometimes feel hard to judge what actually is right?
- Why are we often tempted to let time pass before we settle a matter? Why is expediency important in dealing with conflict, especially spiritual conflict?
- Referring back to verses 49-53, we know God does not promise our lives will be free of conflict. If you take steps to do what is right and conflict remains, what should you do?

#### **APPLICATION**

- Is there a situation in your life in which you simply need to use the wisdom and knowledge God has given you to do what ought to be done?
- How can your group encourage you to take that step?
- How can your group be praying for you?