

## Preparation

### Luke 12:1-12

LG Questions for 06/27/10

#### Getting Started

When you start reading the Bible, how do you approach it? What do you think about? What “tools” do you employ when reading? For this study, it would be helpful to approach this section with these questions: 1) What is the setting? 2) Who are all the characters involved? 3) What is going on here?

#### Getting Into the Meat

- Read the following sections then answer the three previous questions: **Luke 11:37-39, 45, 53-54, and 12:1.**
- Jesus summed up chapter 11’s Woes by appropriately labeling the Pharisees as hypocrites **Luke 12:1**. What does He say in verses **2-3** to help His disciples *keep it real*?
- If we are too afraid to come into the light now, the warning stands firm. What would you rather have, grace now or judgment later? Read **John 3:19-21** and **1 John 1:9**.
- Read **Luke 12:4-12**. Verses **4-7** have the backdrop of **Luke 11:49**. It’s also a foreshadowing of the disciples’ future of suffering, persecution, and martyrdom. What comfort is found in **Luke 12:6-7**?
- For the believer, we should have a healthy fear of the LORD that humbles us. Read and discuss the practicality of **Proverbs 1:7**.
- *(for further in-depth study of Luke 12:5, read Hebrews 10:26-39 and John 6:35-40)*
- To help us understand blasphemy against the Holy Spirit in **v10**, read together the following passages: **John 3:18, 6:29, 6:44** then **1 John 3:23-24, 4:13, 5:10-12**.
- Refusing to trust in Jesus is to reject the Holy Spirit’s conviction (John 16:8), thus denying the need for the Gospel and remaining in one’s own sin. However, surrendering to the Savior is be sealed by the Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:5, Ephesians 4:30, Titus 3:5).

#### Getting Prepared

Jesus was preparing his disciples for their imminent future as He was heading to the cross. He wants today’s disciples to be equally prepared. What can we take away from today’s study that prepares us for our future ministry (He offers a warning and encouragement)? Read **Hebrews 10:23-24** and ask this question: How can we help each other grow in light of today’s principles?