

## KING FOR ALL #29

### Luke's Gospel



## Decision

*Luke 12:49-59*

### SERMON POINTS

1. Following Jesus will bring division
2. Following Jesus needs discernment
3. Following Jesus involves a decision

### DISCUSSION STARTER

What kinds of things would you like to see happening in your connect group?

## PART 1

### A. FROM THE BIBLE

**Read Acts 2:42-47.** The Holy Spirit had entered the world in a radical, new way, never seen before (on the Day of Pentecost). Peter, in the power of the Spirit, stood up and preached to the gathered crowd about Jesus. Indeed, evidence of being filled with the Spirit is that you love to speak about Jesus.

What was his startling message (compare v36)?

**Many in the crowds turned to Jesus in repentance and faith.**

- What four things did the first Christians devote themselves to? (v42)

- To what extent did they love and care for each other? (v44-45)
- What was the result (v47)?

**These new Christians would have met in small groups in houses. There were no dedicated church buildings till about the 3rd Century!**

## **B. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME**

- What advantages does a small group (connect group) have as opposed to a big group (church)?
- Why do you think small group is not a priority for many Christians?
- What priority do you give to meeting together with God's people?

### **The "One Another's" in the Bible**

In the Bible we are told to:

- ✓ Love one other (Romans 13:8)
- ✓ Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- ✓ Instruct one another (Romans 15:14)
- ✓ Greet one another (Romans 16:16)
- ✓ Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- ✓ Carry one another's burden (Galatians 6:2)
- ✓ Bear with one another (Ephesians 4:2)
- ✓ Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- ✓ Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
- ✓ Encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13)
- ✓ Not to slander one another (James 4:11)

One of the best ways to put these "one another's" into practice is in a small group. Will you commit yourself to your connect group and pray that God would use you to minister to the rest of the group?

## PART 2

### A. FROM THE BIBLE

Read Luke 12:49-59. Jesus first addressed his disciples, then the crowd.

- Why did Jesus come? (“fire” in v49, cf. Isaiah 66:15)

Jesus came to bring about the judgment of a Holy God on a world that has rebelled against Him. Jesus then bore that judgment for God’s people on the cross.

- What warning does Jesus give to each group about the effect of his coming?

#### Notes

V50. “Baptism” refers to Jesus’ suffering and death, when the water of God’s wrath will be poured out on him. In his death, Jesus bore the wrath of God for God’s people, so they need never bear it.

V58-59. A parable of the need to be reconciled with God before the day of judgment.

### B. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

- How could Jesus’ warnings be true for you or your circle of influence?

### PRAYER SUGGESTION

Pray for our connect groups and connect group leaders.

Pray for the Cameron family serving in Paraguay.