

"FINDING COMFORT"

Luke 12:49-59 - Pastor Bruce French

What comfort do we have when there is division?

1. We can be comforted that Christ was _____.

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Assertion #1...

- Christ will right the _____.

Action...

- Choose to _____.
- Pray for _____.

2. We can be comforted that Christ will _____.

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Assertion #2...

- Christ invites _____.

Action...

- Choose to _____.
- Pray for _____.

Take Home Truth

Division is bearable when you are on Christ's _____.

Today's Core Belief:

Man & Sin: I believe all people are loved by God, and because of my sins, I need Jesus Christ as my Savior.
(from John 3:16)

Today's Action:

Complete the stated actions in the outline.



Deeper Connection Study

Jesus is speaking once again about his divine mission, first to his disciples (vv. 49-53) and then to the crowd (vv. 54-59). Even today, his words surprise us and reveal that we have a limited view of his nature.
Today's Core Belief discussed: Christian Service.

Read Luke 12:49-59

1. What is the meaning of verse 49 and how does Jesus elaborate on its implications (vv. 49-53; cf. Micah 7:6)?
2. How do the words and presence of Jesus force people to make choices? How could this affect their relationships with one another?
3. What illustration does Jesus use to help people discern his ministry (vv. 54-56)? Why does Jesus call them hypocrites (v. 56)?
4. Why does Jesus give them an example of settling accounts with an accuser (vv. 57-50)? How does this point to accountability before God (cf. Gal. 6:7-8)?
5. How do Jesus' words in this section challenge our contemporary picture of a domesticated Jesus? Are you shocked by his words? Why or why not?
6. How have you considered the cost of following Jesus (cf. Mark 8:34-38)? In what ways have your relationships been affected by your allegiance to Jesus Christ?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that Jesus is our Savior! Ask God to help you surrender all to Jesus and find comfort in his saving love. Pray for family members to know and trust Christ as Savior.

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“I Don't Care for Religion”

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When the name of Jesus and his ministry are mentioned most people recall his mercy and his miracles. Their recall crafts a passive, compassionate Messiah who gets along with everyone but the religious leaders. However, this is not the image of the Messiah that the Gospel writers portray. The Jesus of the New Testament turned over the tables of the Money Changers in the temple courts (Mk. 11:15-16), he cursed a fig tree for being barren (Mk. 11:14) and he rebuked Peter by calling him Satan (Mk. 8:33). Additionally, Jesus himself asserted that he “Did not come to bring peace on earth, but division,” (Lk. 12:51).

Anybody who has traveled with Christ for any amount of time knows how true this is. When the believer stands up for the claims of Christ they can expect a backlash and criticism. Typically, the rebuttals that are the most painful are the ones that are closest to home. These are the family members who are annoyed by the hard lines and the absolute truth of Jesus' teaching. When push comes to shove, the believer that is in the cross hairs must make a decision, will they compromise and accommodate, or will they stand firm and suffer loss? Thankfully Jesus offers comfort for those who stand firm, and subsequently suffer loss.

