

Warnings and Encouragements - Luke 12:1-12

Topics: Authority, Blasphemy, Caring, Darkness, Encouragement, Holy Spirit, Hypocrisy, Light

Open It

- * 1. What individuals or groups are most feared in our society?
- 2. In what situations have you had to stand before someone with considerable authority over you?

Explore It

- 3. What was the crowd like? (12:1)
- 4. Against what did Jesus warn His disciples? (12:1)
- 5. What contrasts did Jesus use to prepare the disciples for the future? (12:2-3)
- * 6. What did Jesus say His disciples should and should not fear? (12:4-5)
- 7. What proofs of God's care did Jesus offer to His disciples? (12:6-7)
- * 8. How was the disciples' loyalty to Jesus linked to Jesus' loyalty to them? (12:8-9)
- 9. What was to happen to those who speak against the Son of Man? (12:10)
- 10. What sin could not be forgiven? (12:10)
- * 11. How much were the disciples to prepare for their encounters with religious and political authorities? (12:11)
- 12. How were the disciples to know what to say? (12:12)

Get It

- 13. How might Jesus' words about the troubles to come have made His disciples feel?
- * 14. How does the possibility of persecution make you feel?
- 15. What does the imagery about the sparrows and hairs say to us?
- 16. Why are we important to God?
- * 17. What situations tempt people not to acknowledge Jesus before others?
- 18. What is it about blaspheming against the Holy Spirit that makes it unforgivable?
- 19. Before what sorts of religious and political authorities are believers brought today?
- 20. Of what benefit is it to rehearse what you will say in difficult circumstances?

Apply It

- 21. How can you remind yourself of your importance to God every day this week?
- 22. How can you pray for those who suffer for their relationship with God?
- * 23. What step can you take this week to prepare for persecution?