

Not Peace but Division - Luke 12:49-53

Topics: Children, Conflict, Disagreements, Divisions, Family, Peace, War

Open It

1. What in your view makes it hard for families to fit the image of perfect domestic harmony?
2. What do families typically fight about?
- * 3. What causes family members to turn against each other?

Explore It

- * 4. What did Jesus come to bring? (12:49)
5. For what did Jesus wish? (12:49)
6. For what was Jesus waiting? (12:50)
7. How did Jesus feel about the baptism He would undergo? (12:50)
8. Until when would Jesus be distressed about His baptism? (12:50)
- * 9. What, evidently, did most people think Jesus was bringing? (12:51)
10. In what way did Jesus indicate that division would affect everyone until He returned? (12:51)
11. What did Jesus bring? (12:51)
- * 12. Where would the division that Jesus brings be noticed? (12:52-53)
13. What relationships would suffer division because of Christ? (12:52-53)

Get It

14. Why did Jesus wish that the “fire . . . were already kindled”?
15. What did Jesus mean by baptism?
- * 16. In what way did Jesus bring division?
17. How common is the view that Jesus came to bring peace on earth?
18. How is division the opposite of peace?
19. How would you describe a divided family?
20. Over what issues are any of your relatives divided?
- * 21. Over what issues should we be willing to divide?

Apply It

- * 22. What can you do to prepare for clashes over your beliefs?
23. From what other Christian can you draw encouragement and strength in standing for Jesus? How?