

Interpreting the Times - Luke 12:54-59

Topics: Arguments, Hypocrisy, Interpretation, Judgment, Reconciliation

Open It

- * 1. What various interpretations have been offered to explain the dramatic world events of the last few years?
- 2. How have you seen arguments get out of control?

Explore It

- 3. To whom was Jesus talking? (12:54)
- 4. What did a cloud in the west mean to Jesus' audience? (12:54)
- 5. What did the south wind indicate to Jesus' audience? (12:55)
- * 6. What name did Jesus call the crowd? (12:56)
- * 7. What didn't the crowd know how to interpret? (12:56)
- 8. About what was Jesus exasperated? (12:56)
- * 9. What did Jesus want His audience to do? (12:57)
- 10. Where did Jesus recommend the people patch up differences with others? (12:58)
- 11. What could be the consequences if people did not settle their differences? (12:58-59)
- 12. When would a person thrown in jail be able to get out? (12:59)

Get It

- * 13. What accounted for the crowd's inability to interpret the signs of Jesus' time?
- 14. How does God communicate with us today?
- 15. To what "signs" does God want us to pay attention?
- * 16. When has God given you a sign that you should do something?
- 17. When have you had a dispute with another person that had to be settled by a third party?
- 18. Why does Jesus want us to judge for ourselves what is right?
- 19. How is the "out of court" settlement better than a judge's decision?

Apply It

- * 20. What spiritual discipline can you work on to help you listen to God's Word?
- 21. What relationship can you work to reconcile this week?