

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 14, 2008

Scripture Passage: Luke 12:22-59

Memory Passage: Luke 12:34

Today: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

Day 1- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Read Luke 12:22-34. What kinds of arguments does Jesus use in this passage?
2. Why should we not worry about what to eat and what to wear?
3. What can worrying not accomplish?
4. Of what is worrying a sign?
5. How can we overcome worrying?

Day 2- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Read Luke 12:22-34. What does it mean to seek the kingdom of God?
2. What gives God, the Father, pleasure? What does this tell us about God?
3. What is the relation between seeking the kingdom and receiving it as a gift? Compare Phil. 2:12-13.
4. What does Jesus say to do with our possessions? How should we apply this to our lives? See I Cor. 16:1-2; II Cor. 8:1-9; Gal. 6:10.
5. How does what v. 34 says show where our hearts really are, or does it?

Day 3- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Read Luke 12:35-48. What is the major difference between the rich fool in Luke 12:16-21 and the watchful servants?
2. How true is v. 37 in the real world? How was Jesus different than most masters? See John 13:1-15; Mark 10:45; Luke 22:27.
3. Why do you think Peter asked the question he did in v. 44?
4. What is the outstanding characteristic of the faithful servant?

Day 4- ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

1. Read Luke 12:35-48. What does this parable say about the way we should be waiting for the return of Christ? Compare II Thess. 2:1-2; 3:6-12 with Rev. 3:14-22 and with Rev. 2:8-11.
2. For what should vv. 45-46 prepare us? See III John 9
3. What principle is taught in vv. 47-48?

Day 5- ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

1. Read Luke 12:49-53. Why does Jesus say He came to earth? How does this compare with the common view of why Jesus came? See v. 51.
2. Why does Jesus wish for the fire to be kindled quickly? What does fire represent? See Is. 66:15; Joel 2:30; Amos 1:7; Mal. 3:2.
3. Why does Jesus cause division? Can you think of any situation in which this has proven to be true?
4. Read Luke 12:54-59. What did Jesus tell the crowd they were not good at?
5. What is the point of v. 49?

Day 6- ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back over what you have learned this week. Thank God for His faithfulness to meet all of your needs. Ask Him to give you a heart that is more in tune with His and discernment to see what is really important in life.

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First Things First