



Bible study for the week starting June 27, 2021

FEAR NOT - Luke 12:1-12

PRAY - STUDY - SHARE

1. After praying please go around and share some highs and lows, especially with the lens of what is God up to in your life. And then share insights, questions, or challenges raised in the message.
2. The big picture of this section includes a warning and promise. What would you say they are?
3. Review again with one another the definitions of hypocrisy and leaven. Why did Jesus say that the hypocrisy of the Pharisees was like leaven?
4. We can be fearful of many things. This section emphasizes the "fear of man". Do you struggle with this? Look at these "fear of man" possibilities, discussing each one and being as transparent as possible, sharing which of them you struggle with.
 - a. have you struggled with peer pressure?
It is important for me to be accepted/approved/liked by certain people.
 - b. Are you regularly "overcommitted" - a people-pleaser?
"yes I'll do that. Glad to do that. I'm serving just like Jesus." Maybe not. Serving can become sinning if you're doing it to fill a personal need.
 - c. Is self-esteem a big deal for you?
 - d. Are you shy or easily embarrassed? (discuss how the "fear of man" would play into these)
I do not want to be the center of attention or to be made fun of.
 - e. Do you often second guess (or third or fourth) your decisions, wondering what people will think?
I believe it's right. I believe it's Godly, but what if "they" don't like it?
 - f. Do other people often "make you crazy", make you depressed or angry?
If so, they may own too great a position in your mind, or YOU own too great a position in your own mind. They are so "other" than you that you somehow believe you are greater and they are worthy of your wrath and judgment.
 - g. Do you avoid people?
I avoid eye contact, act like I need to be somewhere else, avoid situations where they are.
 - h. Do you take too much responsibility for other people?
Who do you think you are that you think you need to fix them, rescue them? Is your name Jesus?
 - i. Are you overly committed to being nice, keeping the peace, avoiding conflict?
Jesus spoke truth with love, He did not run from confrontation over truth. Some rationalize, "I believe it's just my job to be his/her friend."

Pray for one another, including asking for the courage to fear God rather than men.



A Heart for God

The Gospel of Luke

"FEAR NOT" - Luke 12:1-12
June 27, 2021 - Pastor D. R. Hilken

The INTEREST and ANTAGONISM - WOE WOE WOE
muriadon: "ten thousand"
everybody loves a good FIGHT
heaven - in the Bible is PERMEATING SIN

3rd year - every event used by Jesus as a moment of instruction

A lesson about BULLIES: Jesus is not going to PICK A FIGHT
But He also is not going to LOSE one
Punishment - embarrass or humiliate - intimidate
Selfish/inconsiderate - self-appointed rule maker/judge

Bullies that are Hypocrites: mask wearers / playing a role
A very common criticism of Christians from non-Christians:

- 1) Some who say they are Christians are not
- 2) Some saved Christians ARE hypocrites
- 3) Most Christians are NOT hypocrites-they are SINNERS

Jesus identifies the Pharisees as HYPOCRITE BULLIES

FEAR of man - Proverbs 29:25 25

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

What's your real question? --- Who is on the THRONE?

To overcome fear of man

- Live for Jesus' return - vss 2-3
- Be willing to suffer - vss 4-5
whatever it is .. HELL is worse

This is their HEAVEN. This is your HELL. Their heaven is your hell.
For you, the believer, It only gets BETTER from here.

Remembering the first day of third grade

- Realize the Love of God - vss 6-7
- Embrace the FEAR of God - vss 8-12

BLASPHEMY of the Holy Spirit: resisting the work of the Holy Spirit and ultimately rejecting Jesus. (unforgivable if in this state at DEATH)