

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 11:14-26

Ice Breaker: What's one thing about summer that you're sad that's going away?

Ice Breaker: What's the one thing about Spring that makes you smile every time?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 11:14-23:** Here we see Jesus and the kingdom of darkness interacting. When else has Jesus faced off with demons? Briefly summarize what we have learned in those encounters (Luke 4, 6, and 8).
2. What is the context of this passage? What miracle has Jesus just performed? What are the different reactions the people have toward Jesus? What do the negative responses say about the hearts of those who witnessed this miracle?
3. How might we be tempted to act like or respond like these people did when we hear about or witness works of God? Our hearts trained to be skeptical or untrusting? Why might this be the case? What are the negative repercussions on our souls when we act or think like this?
4. Jesus responds to the criticism in verses 17-20. What are his responses? Why does Luke spend this much time on Jesus' response, rather than spending time on Jesus' miracle, meaning, what does Luke want to make sure his readers know?
5. What does Jesus mean "the kingdom of God has come upon you"? What is Jesus implying here? How might our understanding of the OT story (especially of David and Solomon) help understand the expectations and implications of what Jesus says?
6. Jesus makes a strong command in verse 23 to everyone. How can we use this passage in our witness and apologetics? How does Jesus' saying compare to the "COEXIST" bumper stickers we see around the city?
7. **Read Luke 11:24-26:** Jesus, semi-confusing parable, speaks of the need to fill the house (our souls) with something otherwise the vacancy might be filled with something else. How might we connect 11:24-26 and 11:13? Why is it such good news that we have a good Father?

Application: Spend time praying for one another, encouraging each other in the salvation of the Lord. Pray also for wisdom and boldness to spread the kingdom of Jesus without fear of rejection or ridicule.