

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Luke 12:49-59

**Ice Breaker:** Tell your best storm story. Was your life in danger? Did you see something intense or crazy? Or were you bitterly cold?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 12:49-59:** What is the context of this passage? How does this passage relate to the rest of Luke 12?
2. What are the two images that Jesus draws up in verses 49-50? How does the fire and the baptism connect with Jesus' theme of "being ready"?
3. How can Jesus say in verse 51 that he has come to bring "division"? What kind of division is Jesus talking about here? Does Jesus bring peace in other areas? What are they?
4. Do you have any family relations that have been strained by Jesus' message and your life as a disciple? Has that been hard for you? How has the Lord helped you bear this burden?
5. Even though family relationships are hard, how does Jesus' words give us hope and encouragement when they do come?

**Application:** Spend a few minutes here (in the middle of your discussion) and pray for those who shared. Pray for their family members and any wounds that have resulted from family division.

6. What is Jesus' main point in verses 54-56? What signs should the Jews have applied to Jesus from the OT? Can you name a few OT verses that point to Jesus' first coming?
7. What signs do we have around us that tell of Jesus' saving work? What glimpses do we get of Jesus' future return and the hope we have in him?
8. What is the picture we get in verses 57-59? How is this settling of debt connected to Jesus' message on being ready? If debt is just a picture or illustration, what is Jesus really talking about here?
9. How are you encouraged to be ready for Jesus' day of return after studying this passage? What does it look like for \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name) to be daily ready for Jesus' return?

**Application:** Spend some time praying for one another to heed the call of being ready. Pray that the Lord would remind us that we're almost home and encourage us to the end.