

Study Guide for October 6th, 2002. Series: Following Jesus. Luke 12:1-12 Speak Out for Jesus.

1. When do you find it difficult to speak out for Jesus? Are there people around whom you feel you need to be careful so as to not offend with spiritual conversation? What helps you get past such obstacles?
2. Don't be afraid to speak out for Jesus, b/c the truth will eventually become evident to all. (vs. 1-3)
 - A. Why do you think Jesus defines hypocrisy by the phrase **the yeast of the Pharisees**?
 - B. How did Peter later fall into this trap (see Galatians 2:11-13)?
 - C. Fill in the blanks to familiarize yourself with verses 2-3. Why did Jesus say this to his disciples?
There is nothing _____ that will not be _____, or _____ that will not be _____.
What you have _____ in the _____ will be _____ in the _____, and what you have _____ in the ear in the _____ will be _____ from the roofs.
 - D. Compare Jesus statement in Matt. 10:24-33. What is Jesus preparing his disciples for?
3. Don't be afraid to die, b/c there is more to life than what you see in this world. (vs. 4-7)
 - A. Who does Jesus tell his disciples **not to be afraid** of? Why?
 - B. Conversely, who does Jesus tell his disciple **to be afraid** of? Why?
 - C. What do the following verses teach about the positive value of the **fear of the Lord**?
 - 1) Psalm 33:18-19:
 - 2) Psalm 111:10:
 - 3) Prov. 10:27:
 - 4) Prov. 14:27:
 - D. What is Jesus emphasizing about God with the illustrations that God knows about a sparrow which falls to the ground and the fact that God numbers the very hairs of our head?
4. Don't be afraid to acknowledge Christ, b/c those who do will be honored in heaven. (vs. 8-10)
 - A. What awaits those who stand with Christ in this life? (see also Luke 15:10, II Tim. 2:11-13)
 - B. What awaits those who disown Christ in this life? (see also Matt. 7:21-23, Luke 9:26)
 - C. Why do you think those **who speak a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven**, but those **who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven**? How do you understand this?
5. Don't be afraid when put on trial for Christ, b/c the Holy Spirit will **then** inspire you. (vs. 11-12)
 - A. When would this promise of Jesus to his disciples come into effect?
 - B. Consider Peter (Acts 4:5-12), Stephen (Acts 6:8-7:50) and Paul (Acts 24:1-21). How do their experiences illustrate the truth of Jesus' prediction? How does their example impact you?