

**Sermon: Fear Not.**  
**Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.**

**Scripture: Luke 12:1-12.**  
**Date: February 23, 2025**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) V.1. Jesus warns us to beware of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. In what ways is hypocrisy a far more dangerous sin than almost any other sin? Has God impressed on you any areas of hypocrisy in your life since last week?
- b) V. 4-5. Jesus contrasts two fears: fear of man and fear of God. Where do you find yourself living in the fear of man? In what way does the fear of man always lead to "Hell" (literally or figuratively)?

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) V. 5. Jesus speaks of fearing a God who will cast into Hell. How would you respond to the idea that a good God would not cast people into Hell?
- b) V. 10. Here Jesus speaks of the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. Read John 16:8: What is the three-fold work of the Holy Spirit? How is this work connected to Christ? How can this work be resisted or opposed?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Using just this passage, what must a person do to avoid going to Hell?
- b) Think through the passage together again. List all the benefits of being in Christ that you can see in this passage. Which ones stand out to you?

**APPLICATION**

- a) V. 4-7. Fear not. What is a very real fear that you are facing in your life right now? What truth from these verses allows you to find freedom from that fear? What promise can you claim?
- b) V. 11-12. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit giving you the right words to say in a difficult situation? Is there a difficult situation that you are facing where you will need the Spirit's help to know how to respond?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his loving knowledge of you and care for you.
- Confess ways that you have lived from fear of man over fear of God.
- Thank Jesus for rescuing us from Hell and allowing us to be his friend.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you respond to every situation with his own words of truth and grace.