

Week 10 - Luke 11:1-12:12

Small Group Discussion Guide:

1. What does Luke 11:1-4 teach us about what God wants us to desire? Why do you think he wants us to desire each of these things? How does this prayer compare with the desires you usually bring before God?
2. What does Jesus' teaching on prayer in Luke 11:1-13 say about who God is? How does your view of God need to change in response to this passage? How will this impact your prayers?
3. As the kingdom of God comes, what impact does it have on the kingdom of Satan (Luke 11:14-26)? What do you think it means to be "with" or "against" Jesus in this context? (Luke 11:23)
4. What similarities do you see between Luke 11:29-32 and 11:47-51? What do you think Luke wants us to understand from these passages?
5. How is the eye like a lamp for your body? What things do you currently place before your eyes (and ears) that illuminate your insides with Truth? Where are you actually letting darkness seep into your insides through what you look at, listen to, or think about?
6. What do you learn about religion from Jesus' interactions with the Pharisees and legal experts? (Luke 11:37-54) How does this encourage or challenge you personally?
7. What is hypocrisy? How did the Pharisees practice hypocrisy? What kinds of hypocrisy will the disciples be tempted to practice? Why? (Luke 12:1-12.)
8. What does Jesus teach about fear in Luke 12:1-12? What encouragement do you find in Luke 12:1-12 to combat your own fears?

What is your big take-away from this passage or this discussion? Is there anything you need to confess or yield to God in response to this Truth? What will you praise God for? What will you ask God to do?