

The One Who Brings Peace & Division
Luke 12:49-59

I. His desire of us when He returns:

1. Be ready & waiting
2. Be serving & faithful
3. Be strong & steady

II. Competing "Kingdom" relationships:

1. Be at peace only on God's terms

Romans 12:9-21 Page #1136

2. Stay in God's peace

Philippians 4:4-7 Page #1177

4. Be faithful in your placement

Philippians 2:12-16 Page #1175

Hebrews 4:12 - *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, & piercing as far as the division of soul & spirit, of both joints and marrow, & able to judge the thoughts & intentions of the heart.*

FAMILY FAITH SHEET

{For growth & prayer}

Monday

1. Read Luke 12:49-59 & discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. Read Matt. 10:32-38. Discuss the truths you see in this passage. Discuss why God would purposely "set" family members against each other?
3. What has God showed you concerning competing Kingdom relationships?

Tuesday

1. Read 2 Tim. 3:12 & John 15:18-20. What truths are we to recognize?
2. Why is it that many "church goers" are not in trouble with worldly people?
3. What is the connection between "keeping" (obeying) God's word & being made fun of, attacked or being left out of relationships? (John 15:18)

Wednesday - Preparing for this Sunday, read & then pray using this week's Transformation Scripture: *Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt 5:10* (Cross References- Matt 10:22, 10:39 & 19:27-30)

Thursday - As you prepare for this Resurrection Sunday's message read read Psalm 147.

1. What do you notice about God?
2. Can you name all the things God is doing in these verses (There are over 20!)?
3. After naming all of the things God is doing in this passage what does it make you think about God?
4. Psalm 147:3 says that God "heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds". What breaks your heart? Take the time to pray that God will heal you of anything that is currently heavy on your heart. (Also see Psalm 34:18)

Friday - Preparing for Sunday please discuss & pray the following:

1. Read Ezekiel 34:11-16
2. What do you learn from this passage about God?
3. What is God doing?
4. What does God do to His sheep that are strayed and hurting? Have you ever felt like you have wandered from God or are currently hurting? How does it make you feel that God will take care of you? (Cross Reference John 10:1-21)

Saturday: Preparing for Sunday - Pray for yourself or someone who is struggling with some aspect of faith & is in need of encouragement to stay return to God, the healer of the broken and the gatherer of the lost.

John 10:11 – "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."