

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sunday School Notes:
Luke 12

Luke 12:1-3

As thousands of people are gathering around Jesus, he relates the reality that the “self-righteous” Pharisees are like leaven in bread. Their demand for adherence to the law, for righteousness, permeates throughout their teachings and requirements. Everything that is being done, on earth, will come to light at the time of judgment.

Luke 12:4-7

Have no fear of those who can kill the earthly body, but after that, have no power over you. We discussed how many in the world have little concern for the ever after. The world has been conditioned, by the world, to only care for the here and now. The world has lost any notion of eternity, as it relates, to God’s Word. Not so, for us who believe. We know that Jesus Christ has defeated death, upon the cross, and that death no longer has mastery over us. This time of Covid is a perfect example of testing to see if our faith is only attached to the here and now; or is it attached to eternity, through Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:8-12

Jesus wants us to acknowledge Him before the world that we live in. In doing so, we show that Jesus is indeed our Lord and our Savior. He will then acknowledge us before His Father in heaven. We also talked about how this verse is used when new members come into the church, and make a vow to suffer all even death, rather than fall away from faith in Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who thought that all that he had acquired was his own possession. Come to find out, everything that the man had was a gift from God. In the man’s confusion, he tried to protect all that he thought was his own. Little did he know that the true owner required his soul. The reality is that we work for eternal things and not for worldly things.

Luke 12:22-34

Jesus teaches us not to be anxious about anything. He uses the birds of the air and the lilies of the field to show how gracious God is. If God does this for sparrows and flowers, how much more will He provide for us all that is needed for this life!

Luke 12:35-48

Jesus then tells us to always be ready for His return. He is coming very soon. Do not live as though He will come after we die. Rather, live as though Jesus is coming today, even right now. Always be ready for the coming of Jesus!

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus says he has come to bring division on earth. We can see that division within the political ideologies of our own country. We had mentioned that the only way to stop this division is to stop the bickering. We came to the realization that that might not be the case, and that the division that exists is in fact the fulfillment of this very scripture.

Luke 12:54-56

Jesus knows that we can interpret the weather patterns all around us. We can also interpret the spiritual patterns around us as well, and see that Jesus' coming is very soon. This world is in the midst of decay. It should not ever surprise us that Covid would wreak such havoc upon this world. In this midst of this havoc we keep our faith firmly focused and trusting in Jesus!

Luke 12:57-59

Settle matters in a peaceful way and in a way that is right. This verse lends itself to other verses, where Jesus talks about being slapped, and turning the other cheek, so that both cheeks might be slapped. Its very hard to do, but shows us what Jesus did for us on the cross, when we continually sin, and continually forgives.