

It Started with Twelve #8

The Proof of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 12:1-7

Sermon Outline

1. A Life that is Authentic (v. 1-3)
2. A Life that Boldly Stands for God (v. 4-7)
3. A Life that is Marked by a Fear of God (v. 4-5)

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think we need to show an I.D. or proof to let people know that we are who we are? And when we buy something of importance, why do we need a warranty that it will last for a certain period of time?
2. Read Luke 12:1-7. Jesus was extremely popular. People were always gathering around Him for different reasons: to get a glimpse of Him, to be near Him, to touch Him, to listen to Him, to be healed. If you were one of Jesus' disciples, how would you feel being with Him all the time as part of His inner circle? What did Jesus warn them in verse 1? Why did He give them this warning?
3. In what ways could we be guilty of being good "actors" or hypocrites as Christians? How are we acting Christian lives instead of living it?
4. There are three proofs of discipleship that we can learn from this passage in Luke. The first one is a life that is authentic. What makes our Christian life authentic or real? In verses 2 and 3, we learn that everything about us is being written in a book (Revelations 20:12). What does your book tell about you? How should this fact encourage us to live an authentic Christian life?
5. The second proof of discipleship is a life that boldly stands for God. How can we stand up for God? Have you ever experienced standing up for Him? Please share with the group.
6. G.K. Chesterton writes: "We fear man so much, because we fear God so little. One fear cures another." Knowing that God is above all and holds our permanent destiny, why would people fear their fellow man more than

God? How can we shine for Him as light to pierce the spiritual darkness of this world?

7. What did Jesus say in verses 6-7 that tell us how important we are to Him? What does the picture described in these verses say to us?
8. Lastly, a proof of discipleship is a life that is marked by a fear of God. Psalm 111:10 tells us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." What does fear of God mean? Name a few of God's characters or attributes that tell us why He deserves to be feared.
9. "A conscience is that still small voice that people won't listen to. That's just the trouble with the world today" (Jiminy Cricket in *Pinocchio*). When we don't fear God, we can't tell right from wrong. Can you give examples of how these statements are so true?

Walk

"My fear for you is not that you will fail, but that you will succeed in the wrong things." – Howard Hendricks

How can we succeed in the eyes of God although we may seem to fail in the eyes of the world?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Pray for a deeper, more intimate, personal relationship with God.
- Pray for more people to join the GCCP Kairos' blood donation drive next Sunday.
- Pray for the concerns of each member of your group.
- Pray for peace & unity in the community.
- Pray for salvation and blessings upon all GCC graduating students. May the Word of God planted in their hearts continue to grow and bear good and eternal fruits.
- Pray for healing of Lucina Tan, Nestor, Susie Yu, Isabel, Ernesto Go, Benito Tan, Segundo Yu, Margarita Ong, SL, REC, Julia Macalalad, Kevin, Marvin Bercasio.
- Pray for wisdom and strength to prepare for the summer and anniversary activities.