

THEY WILL BE DIVIDED

October 17, 21 | Luke 12:49-53 | Pastor Michael Foster

Notes on the text:

Implications from the text:

· Jesus is worthy of our total, highest allegiance!

· The church must be a family for people who lose their family

· The church cannot be divided over lower allegiances

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Meditate on 1 Peter 4, John 17 Read “Disowned for Jesus” by Afshin Ziafat - <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/disowned-for-jesus>
- Read “When it’s time to leave a church” – <https://ftc.co/resource-library/blog-entries/when-its-time-to-leave-a-church/>
- Watch “Cost of Following Christ” with Afshin Ziafat - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObCW7v9RMHQ>

- Listen to “Worthy is the Lamb” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2FE4V2fw9w>
- Listen to “Is He Worthy?” – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJl8mBzcPeM>
- Listen to “Worthy of it All” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Ynx1W8PGEw>
- Read Hiding in the Light by Rifqa Bary.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In what ways has Jesus brought you peace in your relationship with God and others?
3. In what ways has following Jesus created friction in your relationships with others?
4. Have you come to a point where you have given your highest allegiance to Jesus? How did the Lord lead you to devote yourself to Him in this way? How did He demonstrate to you how He is worthy of it? (Consider Romans 12:1-2, Luke 9:23)
5. Have you ever been criticized or ostracized by a family member or close friend for your faith in Christ? How did the Lord help you during this time? What did you learn during this time?
6. What are some practical ways a church can function more like a family? What would it look like in real time and space to see the people of a church acting like a family?
7. What preferences have you seen become allegiances in churches? How can we protect from making our preferences or affiliations into allegiances?
8. Read Philippians 2:1-11. What do we learn in this passage about what it takes to walk in unity together? Share a time when you saw this passage in action in a church?
9. Read John 17:20-23. What do you see about your Savior’s heart in this text?
10. Spend some time praying for people in our church to be a family for people who have given their highest allegiance to Jesus.