

**“Do You Think That I Have Come
To Give Peace On Earth?”**

Sermon Notes

- **The Bible bends over backwards to remind us that Jesus is not only Savior and Lord but...Jesus is *Judge***

-John 5:22, 27; 9:39; Romans 2:16;
2 Timothy 4:1, 8; Revelation 19:11

1. If you are to be spared the _____ of God to _____,
Then Jesus must endure the _____ of God _____
(vv.49-50)

2. Your _____ with _____ brings you into
_____ with the _____ (vv.22-31)

Next Week: Luke 12:54-56 - “Signs of the Time”

MEFC Community Group Study Questions
For the Week of April 8th – 14th

Getting Started

1. Did you grow up in a Christian home? If so, share a little of your experience with the group. For those of you who didn't grow up in a Christian home, has your conversion been a source of conflict either for your family of origin or immediate family? Explain.

Digging Deeper

2. It's fascinating to note when we read the Gospels that Jesus himself had unbelieving family members (John 7:5). What do you think this was like for Him? In view of this truth, how does Hebrews 4:15 serve as an encouragement to us?

Open Your Bible to Luke 12:49-53...

3. In verse 49, Jesus says "I came to cast fire on the earth". What is he referring to? Consider how the term "fire" has been used in Luke's Gospel so far (3:9, 17; 9:54). Why is he longing for this fire to be kindled?
4. The Gospel of Luke records the water baptism of Jesus in chapter 3:21-22. What sort of baptism is he speaking of then in 12:50? How does the rest of the verse (as well as the preceding verse) help us to answer that question?
5. Jesus' ministry is closely associated with the bringing of peace. (Luke 2:14; 7:50; 8:48; 10:5-6). This makes what he says in 12:51 all the more surprising. What does He mean?
6. Jesus' words in verses 52-53 reflect those of the prophet Micah (Micah 7:6). Take some time and read through Micah 7 in order to familiarize yourself with the background to Jesus' words in Luke. What do you observe (both in regard to Micah's context and how Jesus expands on Micah 7:6)?
7. Do you identify with the picture Jesus paints in verse 53? If

so, share your experience with the group.

8. How can our church be of practical help to those among our number who know the pain of verse 53 from the inside out? If you're looking for some ideas, notice how the Apostle Paul soberly confronts this situation in his own experience and yet hold out the hope of the gospel at the same time (Romans 9:1-3; 10:1-17).