

**“Settle With Your Accuser”**

*Sermon Notes*

- **When you're guilty, settling out of court is a wise decision – especially when your accuser is the Almighty**

*\*Luke chapter 12 boils down to two critical points of application...*

1. Believe that God is a \_\_\_\_\_ and that he has a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ against you (vv.1-56)

2. Beseech the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ that he (and he alone) offers you (vv.57-59; 18:9-14; 24:45-47)

**Next Week: Luke 13:1-9 - “Unless You Repent, You Will All Likewise Perish”**

**MEFC Community Group Study Questions**  
For the Week of April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Getting Started**

1. Dr. D. James Kennedy (now with the Lord) was well-known for this evangelistic conversation starter: “If you were to die tonight and God were to ask you: 'Why should I let you into my heaven?' what would you say to him?” How do you think most people living on your street (or in your apartment complex) would answer this question?

**Digging Deeper**

2. How about you? What's your honest answer to the question above? Over the course of your life, has your answer to that question changed? If so, how?

**Open Your Bible to...Luke 12:1-59**

3. It's been a number of weeks since we studied Luke 12:1-3. Read carefully back over these verses and discuss as a group where the Holy Spirit brings you the greatest conviction here in Jesus' teaching.

4. Now read and review 12:4-12. Do you see yourself in these verses? If so...where, specifically? Share a personal illustration or two with your group.

5. In vv.13-34, Jesus teaches on the dangers of covetousness and sinful anxiety. Read through this section as well. On a scale from 1 to 10, what sort of temptation are these for you personally? If you're higher than a “5” in either category, what heart issues (sinful desires) do you think are at the root of the problem?

6. Jesus' clear burden for eschatology (end-time study) is on display in verses 35-48 and 54-56. Read through these sections together as a group. Would you say that you have a similar burden? Why or why not? If so, how did you develop that burden? If not, how do you think you might begin to develop it?

7. In vv.49-53, Jesus assures us that his presence in a family with unconverted members brings deep conflict. Have you ever made compromises in your walk with the Lord in order to 'keep the peace' in the family? If so, explain.

8. Luke 12:1-56 sets up Jesus' culminating challenge to the crowd in vv.57-59. No doubt, settling 'out of court' with a holy God is far to be preferred to facing him on trial (if you doubt your guilt, review your answers to #'s 3-7). How do these verses testify to this truth?

9. Close your time as a group by reading through Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14. According to Jesus, despite the guilt of our sin, and the weight of the charges against us – how can we (like the tax collector) know justification before God (vv.13-14)? For further clarification on this point, see Philippians 3:9; Romans 3:22, 24; Galatians 2:16, 17; 2 Corinthians 5:21 and 1 Corinthians 1:30.