

LIFE GROUPS

SERMON COMPANION

This Sermon Companion is designed to enhance your Life Group experience and personal study. For best results, spend time with each question and capture your thoughts in writing before you gather as a group. If you have limited time during your discussions, highlight the questions that you think your group would benefit from the most. There are three questions at the bottom of the page that are designed to help you draw out what your group members are gleaning from their daily devotional time. Discuss these questions as time permits.

A House Divided – Luke 11:18-24

November 24-25, 2012

1. What was the most interesting thing about your Thanksgiving weekend?
2. Read Luke 11:14-20. How often do you feel like a house divided, knowing what is right, but finding it difficult to do? Read Romans 7:21-23. How do you see this battle playing out in your life? How does being divided affect your relationship with God? What is the state of your house/heart?
3. Satan loves it when we are divided and feel the weight of failure. Why are verses like Luke 11:20, Romans 8:31, and Romans 8:37 so important when we have stumbled? Is there past sin in your life that still lingers and needs to be let go? God offers His power. Can you let go of what is dividing you?
4. Read Luke 11:21-28. How can this passage relate to our destructive or divisive desires? Why does Jesus say it takes more than just Him coming in and cleaning house? Can you think of a time when you tried to stop a bad habit, but started it again because you had some free time and hadn't replaced the habit?
5. Read Ephesians 4:22-24. How can we help put on a "new self"? What does your attitude have to do with it? Righteous means "right actions" and holiness means "set apart for God's purpose". How do these play into putting on a new self? How does all this connect to Luke 11:28?
6. A house divided will fall. What do you need to leave behind in order to be able to order your house? What are things you can do to fill the gaps left by these changes? Is it possible for your group to help you with these areas that need to change and how can they help?
7. Pray for God's strength and Spirit to move powerfully in you and help you restore order to your house.

From your Bible reading this week:

1. *What did you observe in your reading this week? What stood out to you and why? What questions do you have?*
2. *How does what you read apply to us today? What will you/did you apply this week?*
3. *What will you pray about and/or share from your reading?*

