

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Peace

PEACE FOR OUR WITNESS

December 3, 2017 • Luke 12:8-12 • Pastor Ben Miller

Introduction:

Big Idea:

_____ with Jesus as his _____.

Fear #1: "What if they _____?"

⇒ Provision #1: A Greater _____...

Fear #2: "What if they _____ my _____?"

⇒ Provision #2: A Greater _____...

Fear #3: "What if I don't know _____?"

⇒ Provision #3: A Greater _____...



Sermon Notes

Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Do any of the three “fears” identified ever keep you from standing confidently with Jesus as his witness? Are there other “fears” or (or even excuses) that keep you from speaking for him? How have those fears specifically shown up in your life?
2. For the fear(s) you identified in question 1, how do Jesus’ greater provisions give you peace and confidence for the next time you need to stand up as his witness?
3. What opportunities do you have right now to stand as a witness for Jesus? Who are the people in your life who need to hear about the reason for the hope that is in you (1 Pet 3:15)?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

1. Go over the three fears discussed in the sermon (allow the group to catch people up who might not have heard the sermon, recalling and explaining what they remember).
Do any of these fears ever keep you from standing confidently with Jesus as his witness?
Are there other “fears” or (or even excuses) that keep you from speaking about him?
How have those fears specifically shown up in your life?
2. Read Luke 12:8-12.
What confidence and peace does Jesus provide in these verses that address the specific fears identified in question #1 (include other relevant verses as well)?
What will it look like if we take the promises of these verses seriously as we witness for Jesus?
3. Read Luke 12:11-12 and 1 Peter 3:15. At first glance, these could seem to be contradictory statements.
How do you work them out in your own life as you stand as a witness for Christ?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and speak the gospel of grace into one another’s lives. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.