**BCM Bible Study October 7-8, 2015**

**Luke 11 and 12**

**Read Luke 11:1-13 Prayer**

What motivates the disciples to ask about prayer?

What does this parable mean? How could v. 9-10 be misunderstood or misapplied? How does 11-13 help clarify?

What does this teach you about God’s kingdom? About God’s goodness?

How do you usually pray? What do you use to prepare for prayer? What concern most occupies your time? In which area do you want to grow?

When have you felt like God wasn’t listening? What do you do then? What one thing would you like to seek the father for?

**Read Luke 11:37-53**

What is the basic point of the woes? How would you put them in your own words?

Of the woes, which one is most directed at you? How would you like your life to change in response? What would you specifically like to see happen this week?

**Read Luke 12:1-12**

You’ve heard it said, “Churches are full of hypocrites.” Why is this accusation so common? Could someone accuse you of being hypocritical?

What do verses 6-7 add about God’s character, authority, and care?

What does it mean to you to acknowledge Jesus before others?

What might cause a person to deny Jesus before others (verse 9)?

Verse 10 indicates that there is forgiveness for those who may speak against Jesus, yet not for those who “blaspheme against the Holy Spirit.” What is the difference? *(Note: To blaspheme against the Holy Spirit does not mean, as some students fear, a single act of sin or letting a bad word or two about the Holy Spirit slip out. It means consistently denying the Holy Spirit’s power working in Jesus. It means to say an eternal “no!” to Jesus, to deny that he is Lord, Savior and God. By definition, a believer committed to Jesus as Lord, Savior and God in daily life has not committed this blasphemy.*

**Read Luke 12:13-21 Greed**

When have you been like this man?

Media is dedicated to making us think v. 15 is wrong. What do you think? How does your life reflect this?

**Read Luke 12: 22-34 Worry**

What does Jesus teach about the kingdom of God and seeking it?

What is the worry level of your life right now?

What do you think about worry? How does your life reflect that?