

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you missed an important opportunity. What caused you to *not* take advantage of that opportunity?
  
2. What types of issues cause division in families where there are believers and unbelievers?
  
3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about our opportunities:
  - a) Luke 12:47
  - b) Galatians 5:13
  - c) Galatians 6:10
  - d) Ephesians 4:27
  - e) Ephesians 5:15-17
  - f) Colossians 4:5
  - g) Revelation 3:7-8
  
4. How does Jesus use the example of predicting the weather to illustrate the hypocrisy of those who failed to heed the warnings about the coming judgment of God?
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - I am going to look for an opportunity to share my faith with another person this week and invite them to church.
  - I am going to look for an opportunity to do something good for another believer.
  - I am going to memorize Galatians 6:10.

Cornerstone Church  
Luke 12:49-59

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Study Series #059

## ***The Consequences of Missed Opportunities***

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. A Missed Opportunity

(“Just As I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham” p. 395)

#### B. Urgent Matters

(See Luke 12:35-48)

### **II. The Consequences of Missed Opportunities**

#### A. Suffering is Coming

(See Luke 12:49-50; Mark 9:40; Isaiah 66:16; Hebrews 10:27; Luke 9:50; Luke 11:23; Mark 10:38; Luke 3:21-22; Psalm 42:7; Luke 8:37; Philippians 1:23; Luke 22:44)

#### B. Division is Coming

(See Luke 12:51; Luke 2:14; Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27; Luke 12:51-53; Matthew 10:34-36; Matthew 24:12; II Timothy 3:1-5)

### C. The Storm is Coming

(See Luke 12:54; I Kings 18:41-45; Luke 12:55-56;  
I Chronicles 12:32; Esther 1:13)

### D. Judgment is Coming

(See Luke 12:57; John 10:37-38; Luke 12:58-59;  
Matthew 18:23-35; Hebrews 9:27)

## III. Conclusion

### A. Is Time Running Out for You?

(See Matthew 24:36; Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 4:7)

### B. The Challenge

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

## Passage of Study Luke 12:49-59

<sup>49</sup>“I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; <sup>52</sup>for from now on five *members* in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>And He was also saying to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it turns out. <sup>55</sup>And when *you see* a south wind blowing, you say, ‘It will be a hot day,’ and it turns out *that way*. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?

<sup>57</sup>“And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? <sup>58</sup>For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on *your way there* make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. <sup>59</sup>I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent.”

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