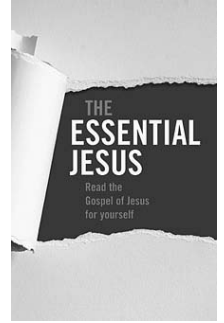




ESSENTIAL JESUS

Bible Study 23

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STEP 1: READING

Read Luke chapter 12, verses 22-59.

STEP 2: REFLECTION

Jesus was no mere moralist. He tells his disciples how to operate in God’s world. He wants us to understand the nature, character and purposes of God. This means three things: First, trust the sovereignty of God. He is in charge of all things large and small. This God provides for birds and flowers – how much more for you. Second, trust the Fatherhood of God. The disciples of Jesus know that God is their Father. He has their interests at heart. Third trust the promises of God. It is the Father’s intention to give Jesus’ disciples the kingdom. What of the consequences? First, don’t be anxious. Second, put God’s kingdom as top priority. Third, be faithful as you wait for the unexpected return of Jesus. Jesus was not a moralist – his coming created turmoil. Wise people look at the signs and make sure of their relationship with God.

STEP 3: DISCUSSION

1 Why is the ministry of Jesus so divisive?

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2 How can we strive for God’s kingdom?

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3 Why does faith ‘work’? What is the difference between faith and superstition?

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