

**Home Group Discussion Questions**  
**Luke 12:49-59**

**1. Read v49:** what do you think Jesus means by 'casting fire' and having 'a baptism to undergo'?

**Read Luke 3:16-17 and Mark 10:38.** How do these verses help us?

Assuming fire = judgment, how can Jesus say he wishes it were already kindled?

In what way can we look at final judgment [and justice] as a good thing and to be welcomed?

**2. Read v51:** How do you reconcile Jesus being the Prince of Peace (Is 9), with him here saying he has not come for peace?

Why do you think Jesus is divisive?  
[Can you give any examples?]

Is division a good thing?

**3. Read v54-56:** what is the point of what Jesus is saying here?

Can you think of any modern parallels?

Why are they hypocrites?  
[superficiality]

**4. Read v57-59:** on a purely human level what is the wisdom Jesus gives us here?

On a divine/human level, who are the key characters?  
(the debtor, the one to whom we are in debt (the accuser = the one bringing the case), the judge)

What does v59 tell us about eternal punishment?