

# THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 21  
**Hypocrisy**  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you communicate with God. Talk with Him as you work your way through these thoughts and questions. Be attentive to what He is saying and how He is leading. Ask Him to reveal His heart toward you.

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*Faith grows deeper as we pursue Jesus together!*

### Conversation Starter

When I was a kid I was really afraid of \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 12:1-3](#) (The beginning of Reading #121 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. *Finish this statement:* A hypocrite is someone who \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Describe how hypocrisy is like yeast. (*Hint:* the notes on the bottom of p. 148 are really helpful!)
3. What are some results of pretending to be what you're not?
4. What happens when someone's hidden life is exposed?  
*Describe the fallout...*

Read [Luke 12:4-7](#) (continuing Reading #121 in *The Life of Jesus*).

5. In what situations do you feel the pressure to project a certain image?
6. Why is our desire for approval and fear of disapproval so strong?
7. What does it mean to *fear God*?  
*See also:* [Psalm 118:5-9](#); [Isaiah 51:12](#); [Romans 8:31](#); [Hebrews 13:6](#).
8. We are supposed to *fear God*, but *not be afraid*. What's the difference?
9. How does God's love and forgiveness free us from feeling the need to please others?

Read [Luke 12:8-12](#) (continuing Reading #121 in *The Life of Jesus*).

10. Sometimes acknowledging God means sharing what you believe with others. But sometimes, it simply means being aware of His presence (acknowledging He is right there with you). How could you have a more on-going awareness of the presence of God in the midst of everyday situations?
11. What benefits could this have in your relationships?
12. How can you grow in your ability to receive words from the Holy Spirit?

The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else. – **Oswald Chambers**

### Soul Training

Sit in silence each day this week, and prayerfully ask God to reveal how He sees you. Ask Him to help you know Him more personally as a loving Father.

### Memory Verse

*Aren't five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows!*  
**[Luke 12:6-7 \(HCSB\)](#)**

### Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
June 5	117		<a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 11:1-13</a>
June 6	118		<a href="#">Luke 11:14-28</a>
June 7	119		<a href="#">Luke 11:29-36</a>
June 8	120		<a href="#">Luke 11:37-54</a>
June 9	121-122		<a href="#">Luke 12:1-21</a>

### Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, June 11, we'll consider what Jesus' second coming means for our lives today. The main passage is [Luke 12:35-48](#), Reading #124 in *The Life of Jesus*.



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