

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, August 17, 2025

Reading: Luke 12:49-56

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we consider the "division" in our own hearts, between Jesus' path for us, and where we tend to stray. Click here:

<https://youtu.be/4AkoG1-o6Fo> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- These verses start with a seemingly startling declaration from Jesus: "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze!" I have a baptism with which to be baptized, Jesus explains.
- Jesus also says, rather startlingly, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" Father will be against son, mother against daughter, and family members against each other!
- Jesus chastises the crowd because, while they are able to see weather coming, they do not know how to interpret the present time.

Two Questions

- Jesus is God's Son, who Isaiah calls the "Prince of Peace!" How can Jesus tell us that he has not come to bring peace? Do you think Jesus means to say that he is trying to cause fighting between family members, or even nations? How does following Jesus' teachings tend cause "division" with others? Within ourselves?
- What do you think Jesus means when he compares seeing rain or heat coming to recognizing "the present time?" What "signs" existed – both then and now – of God's love and grace? Why do you think it is hard to see those "signs?" How and where do you look for them?

Action Step

- Recognize the "division" in your own actions. When do you follow Jesus? When are you treading your own path? Make a conscious effort to step toward Jesus!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!