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“More Than A Popularity Contest!”

(Luke 12:49-56)

How do you _____ popularity?

These days most people measure popularity by social media _____ and likes.

Luke 12 is basically one long teaching on how to _____ from the world’s _____.

Jesus gauged the success of his ministry on his _____ to God!

Gordon Graham: “Decision is a sharp knife that cuts clean and straight’ indecision is a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves ragged edges behind it.”

Decisions are not the same as _____ or feelings!

Decisions require _____!

3 ways that following Jesus creates division:

1.- Following Jesus divides us from the _____ we used to be.

Before he became a follower of Jesus, Paul was a zealous member of the _____.

After Paul became a follower, he became a leader in the church, and helped spread the message of Jesus, writing _____ of the 27 books of the New Testament!

Following Jesus is never about _____ your life. It is about _____ to your old life and taking up _____ life!

2.- Following Jesus also divides us from the _____ around us.

It’s a natural consequence of _____ out the radical _____ of Christ!

Your character and _____ will make others question their own _____ and priorities!

3.- Following Jesus divides us from the _____ of this world.

Jesus lived to _____ people about the kingdom of God and its _____!

Jesus would never conform to the _____, even for the sake of popularity or _____!

No matter how popular and successful Jesus looked in this moment, he knew he was headed for the _____!

Jesus valued _____ to God over his own life!

We cannot say we are followers of Jesus until we can make that same _____ too!

The decision to follow Jesus is a sharp knife. It cuts away our ties to this world and its value systems!

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