

August 14, 2022  
**“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.**

(over)

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!**