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"I HAVE NOT COME TO BRING PEACE BUT A SWORD."

- 1) Read Matthew 10:26-42. What's surprising, confusing or frustrating about this passage?
- 2) What kind of family conflict have you experienced because of your public faith in Jesus? How is the Bible a tale of two families? (See Genesis 3:15)
- 3) What does Jesus mean in vs. 37? How do you apply that to your life as a parent, child or sibling? Why do you need this to be true? How did Jesus live this out?
- 4) How do you explain your allegiance to Jesus to your family? What is it about Jesus that makes you willing to potentially alienate your loved ones?
- 5) How does vs. 40-42 encourage hospitality towards other Christians? How do those verses encourage you to offer kindness towards your unsaved family members?
- 6) What are the rewards Jesus is talking about? How do you get those rewards? Read Luke 12:49-53. What is Jesus thinking about even as he talks about dividing families?
- 7) Select one unbelieving family member to pray for by name together. Pray for their life and salvation.