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Weekend Worship Series: *Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age*

A Barna Report in Partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministries

- September 9th/10th – Sharing Faith Then & Now (Pastor Dorth)
- September 15th/16th – Digital Faith Interactions (Pastor Hesse)
- September 22nd/23rd – Spiritual Conversations from Both Sides (Rev. Cook)
- September 29th/30th – Eager to Share (Pastor Nieman)

Read 1 Peter 3:8-15

- What notable words/phrases does Peter use to describe actions/behaviors within relationships?
- Why is it challenging for you to talk about faith? Any tensions?
- How does God help us navigate faith conversations in this text?

Read Luke 12:1-12

- In our culture, how does Jesus still engage the “thousands...”?
- How does Jesus use “picture language” to focus His attention and concern on His disciples? How is “story” used by Jesus?
- How important is authenticity in “Spiritual Conversations”? Are all “Spiritual Conversations” truthful? What is the “leaven of hypocrisy” today? Can 1 Peter 3:8-15 guide us?
- How does digital technology help/hurt our ability to connect by using “story”? **SEE PAGE 35, 38 & 39** – What concerns, encouragement or personal reflections come to mind?
- What truths does God tell us are real, eternal and as culturally relevant today as they were during the earthly ministry of Jesus? So... then why are “Spiritual Conversations” so important?
- Who do you know that needs to hear the Gospel? Whose job is it?
- Do you feel equipped? What does God promise (see verses 11-12)?

Homework Assignment: If you can... please read Pages 5 – 70

Closing Prayer

(Jesus said) ***“I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.”*** (Lk. 12:8-9)

“...I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:14-17)