



Part 6: When Christianity becomes Churchianity

Hosea 8

1. What can happen according to Mark 7:6-7?

a. How can you tell when you're not worshiping God from your heart? What does this look like in your life?

b. Why should you want to grow in identifying when you're giving God lip service and when you are actually worshiping Him?

2. Fill in the blanks: _____-reliance is _____-defiance.

3. Read Hosea 8:1-3. How is it possible to pray to God while not actually praying to God?

a. Why does self-reliance lead to despising the goodness of God and His ways?

b. How can you tell when you're not *truly* praying to God versus when you are *authentically* praying to Him?

4. Read Hosea 8:4-6. How does depending on myself lead to the creation of idols (false gods/things or people I hope in above God)?

a. What happens with sins from your past that aren't properly addressed? See Matthew 12:43-45.

b. What "golden calf" have you been tempted to worship lately (someone or something that you're willing to sin to gain or keep)?

5. Read Hosea 8:7 with Galatians 6:7-8. Why does sin always – GROW when not addressed?

a. What is the *result* of sin that I won't work through in my life?

6. Read Hosea 8:8 along with John 15:5 and Romans 8:8. Why am I useless to God when I rely on myself instead of Him?

a. Why is *prayerlessness* an excellent indicator of depending on *myself*?

b. In what ways do you tend to rely on yourself instead of God?

c. Fill in the blanks from the sermon: A weak prayer life reveals a person who's _____ with _____; an impressive prayer life reveals a person who's _____ with _____. Why is this true?

d. How will you grow in your prayer life more? What next steps will you take?

7. Read Hosea 8:9-14 along with Nahum 1:7, Isaiah 25:4 and Psalm 118:6. Why should I fully depend on God for protection and provision?

8. What is your main take away from this study?
