

## The Pharisee In Me Luke 6:1-11

- Just like the Pharisees, we take God's \_\_\_\_\_ and turn them into \_\_\_\_\_.
- Just like the Pharisees, we fight Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Just like the Pharisees, our \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us from caring about \_\_\_\_\_.

## QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Sunday, Matt quoted Tim Keller as saying that *Religion is the default mode of the human heart*. No matter the culture or system of belief, Religion creates list of do's and don'ts so that we can compare ourselves to others and earn God's love, approval, and reward. How have you seen religion to be the default mode of your heart?
2. Read Luke 6:1-11. One thing that we have in common with the Pharisees is that we take the commands that God gave to be a blessing and a protection for our lives and turns them into a burdensome set of rules we have to obey in order to be "good." Would you say that this has been true in your life? What rules of your parents, school, or church growing up seemed burdensome that you are now thankful for? Have you come to a place where you now see God's commands as a blessing and for your good and not a burdensome set of rules?
3. In the text from Sunday we see the beginning of the power struggle that will take place between the established religious leaders and Jesus, eventually leading to Jesus' death. In the same way, we often times fight Jesus for control over our own lives. When we refuse to obey Christ's commands we essentially are saying that we think we know better than Jesus, like the Pharisees. Take some time and discuss ways in your life that you fight Jesus for control.
4. Lastly, Jesus demonstrated that unlike the Pharisees, he cared more about people than he did his own pride. Has being a good, responsible, rule-following person ever caused you to be cold and unloving towards others? How can you become more aligned with the heart of Christ we seek in Luke 6:1-11? What is one thing you can commit to do this week that will practically make you place other people before your own pride?