

The Danger of Legalistic Religion

Luke 11:37-54

Legalistic Religion	The Way of Christ
Values _____ (vs. 42)	Values _____
Seeks _____ _____ (vs. 43)	Seeks _____ _____
_____ sin (vs. 44)	_____ sin
Sees God's Word as a _____ (vs. 46)	Sees God's Word as a _____
_____ Jesus (vs. 47-51)	_____ Jesus
_____ others (vs. 52)	_____ others

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Read Luke 11:37-54 together.
2. The Pharisees were obviously unaware that they were neglecting to “clean the inside of the cup.” This is a danger for us as well. What are some ways that you can remove your blind spots on how you need to pursue inner purity?
3. Re-read Luke 11:42. What are some rules that we tend to fixate on? What are some rules that we tend to neglect?
4. Re-read Luke 11:46. Have there been times when you felt like God's Word was a crushing weight? Describe your experience. How can we move toward seeing God's Word as a path to life?
5. How might your life be keeping others from seeing the greatness of Christ? What steps could you take to “make the teaching of Christ more attractive” to those around you?