

## Loving The Hypocrites

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” - John 15:12 NIV

Hypocrisy is not the disparity between what we \_\_\_\_\_ and what we \_\_\_\_\_ we did.  
Hypocrisy is the gap between what we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we are.

“You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.’” - Matthew 15:7-8 NIV

### PRAYERFUL CONFRONTATION

1. “God, Help Me Confront With The Goal Of \_\_\_\_\_.”

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. - Galatians 6:1 NIV

- You Are Not The \_\_\_\_\_, You Are The \_\_\_\_\_.

My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins. - James 5:19-20 NIV

2. “God, Help Me Confront With \_\_\_\_\_.”

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. - Galatians 6:1-2 NIV

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! - 1 Corinthians 10:12 NIV

#### Jesus' Approach in Matthew 18:15-17

- 1) You Go To Them Directly.
- 2) You Bring Support.
- 3) You Elevate It To Leadership.
- 4) You Redefine The Relationship.

3. “God, Help Me See When I Am The \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.” “Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.” - Matthew 23:25-26 NIV

- Hypocrisy Is Difficult To See In The Mirror.

“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” - Proverbs 28:13 NIV

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” - Psalm 139:23-24 NIV

- We don't close the gaps with \_\_\_\_\_—we close the gaps with \_\_\_\_\_.

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Who is one of your favorite actors? What is it about this person's acting abilities that you enjoy so much?
- What are some examples of hypocrisy that you've seen?
- How have you been impacted by the hypocrisy of others?
- Why do so many of us find confronting hypocritical people so difficult?
- Have you ever been a part of a healthy confrontation that led to restoration? What made it work?
- Share about an area of hypocrisy you've discovered in your own life. What did you or will you do about it?
- Do you know someone who is being hypocritical? How will you go about prayerfully confronting them?