

Community Group Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you most in last Thursday's message?

2. Spiritual hypocrisy means to pretend to be something you are not. It means to give people the impression that you are more spiritual than you really are.
 - A. Can you think of examples from Scripture where we witness spiritual hypocrisy?

 - B. How can Christians be guilty of this today?

3. In Matthew 23, Jesus spoke firmly and rebuked the religious leaders in a very strong manner.
 - A. What made this scenario unique?

 - B. Did Jesus address every unbeliever in this manner?

 - C. What do the following passages say about how we should normally approach evangelistic conversations (1 Pet. 3:15, 2 Tim. 2:23-26, Mark 10:17-22).

 - D. What can occur when people take an overly strong approach to evangelism when the circumstances do not warrant such an approach? Have you ever been guilty of this? (If so, your pastors can relate!)

Welcome to



To glorify Christ by being and making disciples

Join others to pray in the Conference Room Thursdays at 6:00pm

Announcements

- ✓ This week in E4:12: A Christian's Syllabus for Wisdom
- ✓ Reminder: We have Community Groups happening throughout the week. Don't forget to sign up for one!
- ✓ Join us for prayer every week before Crosslife! Dinner is served at 5:30 and prayer starts at 6.
- ✓ Fall Retreat is 10/14-15 at Clydehurst Christian Ranch! John Drollinger will be teaching on faithfulness. Departure time is 4 p.m. 10/14 and arrival is 9:30 p.m. 10/15. Sign up here:



Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

Ezekiel 33:11

Message Outline

The Last Week of Jesus

Part 4: Unmasking Spiritual Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:1-12

Five Expressions of Religious Corruption

I. Religious _____ (Matt. 23:1-3)

II. Religious _____ (Matt. 23:4)

III. Religious _____ (Matt. 23:5-7)

IV. Religious _____ (Matt. 23:8-10)

V. Religious _____ (Matt. 23:11-12)