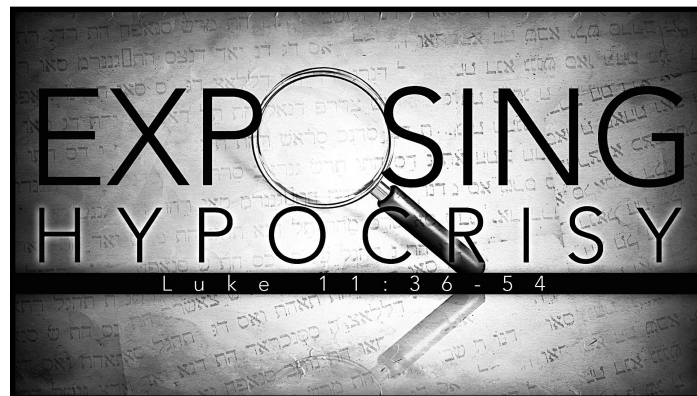


Luke 11:37-38 * all Scripture is New International Version (NIV)
³⁷ When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. ³⁸ But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.

Mark 7:3-4

³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)



Luke 11:39-44

³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you. ⁴² **“Woe to you** Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone. ⁴³ **“Woe to you** Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ **“Woe to you**, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.”

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To **act justly** and to **love mercy** and to **walk humbly with your God**.

Big Truth:

Luke 11:45-54

⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also.” ⁴⁶ Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, **woe to you**, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them. ⁴⁷ **“Woe to you**, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’ ⁵⁰ Therefore **this generation** will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of **Abel** to the blood of **Zechariah**, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, **this generation** will be held responsible for it all. ⁵² **“Woe to you** experts in the law, because *you have taken away the key to knowledge*. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.” ⁵³ When Jesus went outside, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, ⁵⁴ waiting to catch him in something he might say.

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Discussion Questions

Exposing Hypocrisy Luke 11:37-54

1. What is hypocrisy and why is it something we must wrestle to the ground in our own lives?
2. Without mentioning names, share about a time when you saw how the hypocrisy of a Christian led others *AWAY from Jesus* instead of *TO Him*.
3. **Read Luke 11:39-44.** What were some of the hypocritical characteristics of the Pharisees that Jesus was confronting? Then **read Micah 6:6-8.** Is giving sacrifices to God the ultimate goal...OR is there something more (what IS it)?
4. **Read Luke 11:52.** What was the ultimate consequence of these hypocritical leaders and how should this warning be a warning to us? (Remember today's **BIG TRUTH: 'My hypocrisy means others will NOT see'**)
5. **Read Luke 11:53-54.** When Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of these religious leaders, they **bowed up** *instead of bowing down*. How should a godly person respond to correction? Can you share a time that you were corrected, the struggle to *bow up* or *bow down*, and the result of your response?
6. Share any '**aha**' moments in today's study - what you learned or how you were challenged. What does God want YOU to do with what we studied today?

* Share your prayer needs and **PRAY to the FATHER** together!

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