

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Jesus' first sermon was designed to help his followers redefine what a relationship with God was truly about. The blessed life can be measured by how well you display certain Christ-like qualities. This week we'll look at being pure in heart - aka authenticity. .

The Christian life is not primarily about what you're doing, but who you're becoming.

Matthew 5:1-8 (NIV)

Step One: Humility | Step Two: Brokenness | Step Three: Surrender | Step Four: Dependence

Result One: Mercy | Result Two: Authenticity

Matthew 23:1-5a (NLT)

Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT)

How Hypocrisy Hurts:

- Hypocrisy keeps me from change.
- Hypocrisy keeps me from love.
- Hypocrisy keeps me from Jesus.
- Hypocrisy destroys my witness.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Who is the most 'authentic' person you know? Why would you describe them that way?
- 3) Read Matthew 23:1-5. Have you ever been a part of a church/group/family that felt hypocritical? Did you add to this reality, or run from it? Explain.
- 4) Have you ever asked God to show you the *log in your eye*? What does that process usually look like for you?
- 5) Look over the list, *How Hypocrisy Hurts*. How have you been hurt by your own hypocrisy? Explain.