

Going Deeper

1. Read Malachi 2:7-8 and Isaiah 30:9-10. Faithfully preaching the Word will often be viewed as confrontational. What does these two passages about faithfully preaching the Word even if it is unpleasant?
2. Read Matthew 23:25-29. How should we view these verses in light of examining ourselves?
3. Looking at the history of Sardis, three lessons were provided for us to consider. Which of these three lessons resonated with you? Why? What other lessons can we consider from the history (i.e. – the enemy will attack more than once.)
4. In what ways do churches pursue their public image more than God's holiness?
5. What do you think is meant by pursuing our agenda more than Christ's agenda?
6. As you examine your overall life of worship both in community life and private life, in what ways do you find yourself going through the motions? Why is this dangerous?
7. Read I Corinthians 3:1-3. Growing as a follower of Jesus is important. What does this passage teach us about spiritual nourishment? Why is it important for believers to advance to more solid teachings (spiritual meat) of God's Word?
8. There were six signs of complacency presented. Which ones do you find yourself guilty of?

Pray Psalm 51:11-12