



# THE PROBLEM OF CHURCH

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Some of you have stayed away from church for a long time because you cannot stand the hypocrisy. We get it. However, more often than not, those feelings flow from the flaw of believing that the Church should have it all together. The Church is just a bunch of imperfect people who a perfect God is perfecting. That is what makes the church beautiful.

**Big Idea: The Church isn't perfect; it's chosen.**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you experienced Christian hypocrisy in your own life?
2. Historically, do you think the church has made a positive contribution to society or a negative one? Why?
3. Think about your own personal moral standards or principles. How often do you measure up to them? How often do you encounter the gap between the ideal and the real?
4. With your Bible or Bible App, **read John 20:19-27.**
5. How does Jesus respond to the fear and failure of his disciples? What does this tell you about how Jesus responds to our issues with hypocrisy?
6. With your Bible or Bible App, **read John 8:1-11.**
7. How did Jesus handle the woman in this story differently than you might have expected religious people to treat her? How would you have felt if you were her? What do you long for most when you get 'caught' doing something you don't want to do?
8. What do these passages show us about Jesus? How does our weakness let Christ's light shine through?
9. In the message, Carlo said, "God is not calling perfect people; he's calling broken people." How does that understanding offer hope to you and hope to other people who fall short of the standards we hope to reach?
10. The church is filled with sinners. But that doesn't mean it doesn't work. That might mean it is working. How can we help change the narrative about the hypocrites and the church this week?