

Rediscovering the Pharisees Part 1 HANDOUT



Imagine someone calling you a *Pharisee*. You would likely be offended by this association. It is understandable, but do you know why? Popular culture – especially Christian culture, has made *Pharisee* a derogatory term. Most people however – including Christians, don't know very much about the Pharisees. And what they claim to know, is frequently wrong. The Pharisees deserve their derogatory status, but not for the reasons often heard. Discovering their true identity – that established in the pages of Scripture, will be the focus of this study.

1. RELEVANCE: Why should every Christian be excited about a bible study on the Pharisees?

1.1. Because it will reveal yet another reason Christians should be leery of listening to or following the teachings of Reformation – most especially _____.

1.2. Because it is necessary to understanding the teachings of _____.

1.3. Because it is helpful to avoid becoming _____ of the Dunning-Kruger club.

1.4. Because it reinforces the truth that _____ can masquerade as - and be more popular than, the real thing.

1.5. Because it will demonstrate that what masquerades as Christianity in most _____ is the religion of the Pharisees.

1.6. Because it is key to _____.