

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
*For the Week of February 4, 2024*

**Sermon Information:**

Beware of Religious Hypocrisy  
Matthew 23:1-36

The Description of Religious Hypocrisy

- Preaching but not practicing.
- Seeking the praise of people.

The Danger of Religious Hypocrisy

- Missing the Kingdom
- Misguided Ethics
- Mistreating Others
- Misleading Yourself

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Can you think of a time when you were frustrated with the hypocrisy of others (whether they were religious or not religious)? What about a time when your own hypocrisy was revealed?
2. Compare Matthew 23:5-7 with Matthew 6:1. How are you tempted to seek the praise of people rather than God? How can you guard yourself from this temptation?
3. Consider the warnings in verses 13-36. Is there anything in these warnings that sticks out to you?
4. Compare Matthew 23:12 with Philippians 2:5-11. How can looking to Jesus' example help us to pursue humility? How can you pursue humility this week?