

CHURCH CLOTHES

JESUS VERSUS RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
2. When Jesus warns the disciples against hypocrisy Luke says there was a "crowd of many thousands." What is it about "success" or the eyes of many people being on you that makes hypocrisy all the more tempting?
3. Pastor Wes talked about how sin is like leaven or yeast inside of bread. In what ways does the idea of leaven so helpfully illustrate the nature of sin? How have you seen these dynamics play out in your own life or in the life of people you love? If sin is like leaven, how should we be fighting against it?
4. Jesus promises future exposure of all the things we try and hide. What are some typical things we try to hide and why do we do so? What words, actions or attitudes are you least looking forward to having exposed on that day?
5. Jesus suggests that at the core of all hypocrisy is a fear of man. How does the fear of man manifest itself today? Why is it so powerful? How have you let the fear of what people think cause hypocrisy in your own life?
6. Jesus gives two motivations for not fearing man and a proper fear of God. (1) God's ability to destroy body & soul in hell; (2) God's care for people created in his image. How do these two things properly motivate a fear of God and eliminate a fear of man?
7. In Luke 12:8-12 Jesus discusses the unpardonable sin. What is the unpardonable sin? Can it still happen today? What do we learn from Jesus' words about it?
8. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?