

1. **SERMON REFLECTION: SOMEONE READS THE PASSAGE FIRST:** Then Someone gives a brief (5 minute tops) recap/summary of Sunday's sermon
2. **Main Point:** Hypocrisy fosters a false sense of security & is worthy only of wrath.
 - a. **Grand Points of the Text :**
 - i. The claims of hypocrisy (v. 17-20)
 - ii. The cross-examination of hypocrisy (v. 21-22)
 - iii. The condemnation of hypocrisy (v. 23-24)
 - b. ***"What convicted/impacted you personally about Sunday's sermon?"***
3. **LEARN: What does this section of scripture teach us?**

Intro What are some ways in which Christians and nonChristians can be deceived by false security?

- a. **(1) The claims of hypocrisy (v 17-20)**
 - i. In this passage the covenant people(Jews) are claiming that they are superior because they have the law. Why does Paul have a problem with this?
 - ii. Why does Paul not deny their advantage as Jews?
 - iii. Why did God hold the Jews to a higher level of responsibility?
- b. **(2) The cross-examination of hypocrisy (v. 21-22)**
 - i. Let's define hypocrisy. What is hypocrisy? What is Jesus' view of hypocrisy(Matthew 23:16-24)?
 - ii. How is hypocrisy prideful? Is it okay to take pride in Christianity? What does true boasting in God look like?
 - iii. How do we reconcile our standing(position) before God and our practice(progress)?
 - iv. How are you actively wrestling against false security in your life? How are you wrestling against hypocrisy?

c. (3) The condemnation of hypocrisy(v. 23-24)

- i. What responsibility falls on us if we don't live out what we say we believe?
- ii. Should a Christian stop evangelizing if they have a pattern of sin in their life?
- iii. What must we believe about Jesus to honor God?

4. **Homework/contemplation/meditation:** Meditate on Matthew Chapter 7 and this question, "What right do I have to enter heaven?"

5. **Closing:** *Praying for one another*