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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Series Title: Jesus Plus Nothing Equals Everything

Message Title: Hypocrisy Hurts People

Scripture: Galatians 2:11-14 [ESV]

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Points of Consideration:

The Confrontation (v. 11) – Paul confronted Peter concerning his hypocrisy

The Causation (v.12)—Peter feared the opinion of others rather than affirming the truth

The Consequences (v. 13)—Peter's hypocrisy led others to follow his example

The Care (v. 14)—Paul expresses his care for Peter and the Gentiles by pointing out Peter's error

Discussion Questions:

Paul confronts Peter concerning his hypocrisy. Peter was concerned with the self-righteous judgment of the circumcision party. Consequently, he pretended to support circumcision as a requirement to be accepted in the kingdom of God when he knew that acceptance was based upon faith alone in Christ alone. How important is it to be authentic among those we seek to win to Christ? What does it mean to be an "authentic" Christian?

What do people typically mean when they claim that Christians are hypocrites (pretenders)? If we pretend to be righteous according to the law, how can we correct our hypocrisy? Should we work to be righteous according to the law, or should we correct the general understanding of what it means to be a fallen person with Christ's righteousness credited to our account?

As Christians, we do not hold the moral high ground. We are sinners, just like everyone else, who are saved by God's grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. We should not deny that there is a moral high ground. Instead, the moral high ground is held by Christ and Christ alone. Keeping this in mind, how can we redirect the charge of hypocrisy to a Christ-centered view of right behavior? How can we gently call out hypocrisy in others? What is the point of "calling out" hypocrisy?

Prayer Guide for Tribes

You Turn Ministries

- PRAISE NOTE: three weeks ago, new believers from the Mitundu area of Malawi came together for a baptismal service...300 people were baptized!
- You Turn's Malawi staff are preparing for 8 mission teams over the next 12 weeks. Pray for the Lord to go before them to do a great work in the lives of lost villagers who have yet to hear the Gospel, to be with the team members as they faithfully share, to bless the new churches that will be planted, and to bring about an eternal impact on US church partners as they serve alongside You Turn.
- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer league as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
 - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
 - o Pray for the end-of-the-year tournament in June. The Gospel will be preached in an actual stadium filled with hundreds, and potentially even thousands, of people!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years. A school in Chipata, Zambia is hosting their first graduation June 1st with a class of 38 students!
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn supports as they finish their last few weeks of school for the year and take very important exams. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!
- You Turn is in the process of harvesting soy beans and peanuts at their farm. Pray for a great harvest and subsequent sale to provide resources to feed more orphans.

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
 - o We are currently working with area missionaries in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to plant a Hispanic church in our facilities here at Fusion! Be in prayer for a planter to be raised up and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Walton County Church Plant
 - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED!- The Weymouth Parish of Life Community Church officially launched Easter Sunday! We praise God to see the plan for this parish come to fruition after this year-long launch process
- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do

and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.

- Recovering community- God is at work in Weymouth! LCC is experiencing radical life change in its members. They are surrounded by a massive community of addicts undergoing rehabilitation and recovery, and many of these individuals are finding healing at the foot of the cross! Pray specifically for Jake, Eric, Lucas, and Derek. These men found Christ in recovery and are leaders in this parish, passionately pursuing intimacy in their walk. Also pray for Kevin, a man who was saved just two weeks ago! He is still in recovery and is surrounded by men battling addiction, and he needs your prayer for strength and resilience.
- **Mobilize 2022- Fusion is planning a mission trip to Weymouth the week of July 18th-24th. In the meantime, encourage prayer over the trip: for safety, gospel conversations, or opportunities to further the work of LCC in the Boston area!**

Source of Light Ministries

- SOL started a new branch in Costa Rica. The team in Costa Rica will distribute discipleship courses throughout the country and seek ways to share the Gospel with lost people.
- Four missionaries with SOL went through a support-raising course and are actively raising support. Those missionaries are Brian Thigpen, Bruce Dare, Johnathan Wideman, and Ben Doomy. Pray that God would supply the needed funds for their ministries.
- Ukraine- SOL is running a relief initiative for Ukrainian refugees. Many of these refugees are fleeing into Romania, where SOL is funding a local church that has a summer camp facility. The church is providing housing, food, diapers, beds, clothing and transportation, and information. Pray for these fundraising efforts!
- SOL also just held trainings for directors for three new branches starting in Spain, Mexico, and Peru. Pray for these branches as they distribute discipleship courses and bring the Gospel to lost people.
- New courses- SOL is currently writing new discipleship courses for children! All of their coursework is used worldwide, so praise God for the opportunity for these new materials to open doors for children all over the world to be raised in the knowledge of God!

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5 county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!
- Pray for FCA camps coming up this summer, and talk to Jason or Traci if you're interested in serving, giving, or signing up!
- Please pray for Captain's Camp at Young Harris College June 1-3. Coach McBay will be serving as the Assistant Director.

On June 1st, Fusion will be hosting a Summer Kickoff Cookout at the MCRD Soccer Complex. Encourage members of your tribe to come with their families and fellowship with us!

Also consider planning times of fellowship this summer that you can enjoy with your tribe!