

Different

Different: Temptation From Hypocrisy

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Big Idea: Through the new birth in Christ we are called to love one another as a testimony to the love and grace of God. When we fail to live this way our lives preach a false gospel.

Key Scripture

*22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a ^csincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” And this is the word, which was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:22-25
NASB*

*1Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all ^bslander, 2 like newborn babies, long for the ^bpure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 3 if you have tasted ^bthe kindness of the Lord
1 Peter 2:1-3 NASB*

Key Points

1. Remember the Word that Saved You (23a)
2. Remember the Nature of the Word that Saved You (23b-25a)
3. Remember the Preaching of the Word that Saved You (25b)
4. The Growth in Salvation

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Being different isn't just subtraction—it's also addition. What good, Godly things did you add to your life this week?
- Pastor Dre asks, what are the things that you long for in your life?

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What is hypocrisy?
- How is hypocrisy a temptation?
- How does abiding in the word of God help us to love one another?

Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Where are you holding on to bitterness despite the gospel?
- What issues of hypocrisy do we need to deal with as a community?
- What is the connection between the proclaimed word and living out our faith in community?
- What opportunities do we have to love one another as a community?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, we repent of our sins and the lack of love we have and share for others. We want to be more like You. We invite you to look deep inside our lives and show us what we can change. Jesus, thank You for being with us and for being worth it. Amen.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Tell your group or someone in your group at least one thing you're going to stop so you can live differently.
- How can you encourage one another to a renewed longing for spiritual milk?

Dinner Discussion.

- How does our treatment of one another reflect our faith in Christ?
- How has your faith in Jesus changed the way you relate to people?

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over online.

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