

Message Notes 2-13/14-10



No More Masks

1. Pharisees don't _____, Disciples Do.

Luke 14:26-27 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33-35 “In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

2. Pharisees don't practice _____, Disciples do.

Matthew 23:2-3 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.”

Matthew 15:8-9 “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.”

Matthew 15:14b “If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

3. Pharisees _____ down, Disciples don't.

Matthew 23:4 “They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.”

Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

4. Disciples love to _____, Pharisees don't.

John 12:26 “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”

Matthew 23:11-12 “The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

1 Corinthians 9:19,22 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

5. Pharisees _____, Disciples don't.

Amos 6:1-8, 11-12

6. Pharisees don't _____, Disciples do.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Matthew 23:27 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.”

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LifeGroup Study

Stepping In: Getting things started!

1. What's something from this weekend's message that was new or you hadn't thought about for some time?
2. What were some of the key reasons Jesus gave the Pharisees and other religious leaders of his day such a hard time?

Building Up: What is God Saying?

1. Read **Luke 11:37-54**.
2. Pick the one verse that speaks most clearly to you today and write it out below: (share with the group which verse you chose.)
3. (**Luke 11:39-42**) Unfortunately, we too can mask our greed with spiritual business. According to these verses, how can we give our tithes and offerings and still not be in tune with God's heart?

4. (**Luke 11:43-44**) Use these verses to shake up your thinking a bit...in today's world, how do people act spiritual and yet remain completely self-interested?
5. (**Luke 11:45**) Even though Jesus' words hurt their feelings...why do you think Jesus kept right on talking about them?
6. (**Luke 11:46-54**) Jesus connects these leaders with the ones that killed the prophets of God. What parallel can we see in today's religious world? (Even in Christianity)

Living Out – How do I obey?

1. (**Matthew 11:28-30**) The Pharisees tried to add to people's burdens. Jesus invites us to let Him take our burdens. What kinds of burdens could we give to Jesus in order to live a better life?
2. Get these dates on your calendars:

February 21, 6 pm @ The Dwelling Place
(All-Valley Worship Service)

April 25 – The Big Serve
This is the day we'll all go and serve our valley!