

Hypocrisy

Luke 11:37-54

LG Questions for 06/20/10

Getting Started

Take a few moments to think about the car you drive, the home you live in and the clothes you wear. How important are appearances in our world today? In what ways do you get caught up in outside appearances as a way of covering up things you don't want people to see inside of you?

Getting Into the Bible

1) **Read Luke 11:37-40.** Why did Jesus fail to wash up prior to the meal? If Jesus would have said those opening remarks to you do you think you would have continued with the meal? According to Jesus, what did the Pharisees emphasize? And what did they overlook?

2) **Read Luke 11:41-42.** What was the thrust of Jesus' words here? It is easy to rationalize not helping others because we have already given to the church. How did Jesus feel about this?

3) **Read Luke 42-52.** Why did Jesus say "woe" six times? What were the six specific reasons that the Pharisees would experience woe? In Verse 11:47, did Jesus say woe to the Pharisees because their forefathers killed the prophets or for some other reason? Does God hold us accountable and punish us for the sins of our fathers? (Exodus 20:5, 34:7, Numbers 14:18)

4) Which of these "woes" might Jesus warn us about today? Can you think of any other woes about which Jesus might warn us? Read Luke 11:52 again. In what ways do we hinder others from coming to God?

Getting Practical

Who in your circle of friends do you trust to ask for honest feedback regarding potential blind spots of hypocrisy in your life? Can you make an effort this week to ask them for honest feedback and accountability in those areas? Spend time praying for this need.