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DAY 4 Read Luke 11:52-54 focusing on the Last Woe & the Response.

What's Jesus' main point about knowledge here and how are the Pharisees keeping people "locked out?" If you are just the average person at the table with Jesus & the Religious Experts, what is going through your mind about them? What draws you more to Jesus than them? Before we get too "judgy" about the Pharisees, what is Jesus saying to you in this conversation? Pray for a heart of worship.

DAY 5 Read Luke 12:1-3 focusing on the Yeast of the Pharisees.

What does Jesus warn His followers about here involving yeast? What's the point from the "yeast of the Pharisees" for you at this time? How does it make you feel about what Jesus says about everything being revealed? What "yeast" are you allowing to influence your life & others around you? Now make a positive application of the yeast principle for your life. Pray Psalm 139:23-24.



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Part 13

3.27.22

“Breaking Bad Rituals with a Heart of Worship”

Luke 11:37-12:3

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23 NLT

Jesus and the Feast Police.

“As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table. His host was amazed to see that he sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom. Then the Lord said to him, “You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness! Fools! Didn’t God make the inside as well as the outside? So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over.” Luke 11:37-41 NLT

The Pharisees and the “Least Practices.”

“What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things....” Luke 11:42-52 NLT

6 Ways to Get the Least Out of Following Jesus

- Learn to tithe religiously while neglecting the heart of God.
- Love the perks of the position while neglecting the people around you.
- Live for public image while neglecting private integrity.
- Load down people with demands while neglecting to bear their burdens.
- Leave beautiful monuments while neglecting the message & mission.
- Lock out people from knowing God while neglecting Him yourself.

“But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24 NLT

You and the Yeast Principle.

“Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy. The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!”

Luke 12:1-3 NLT

“Your boasting about this is terrible. Don’t you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough?”

1Cor.5:6 NLT

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

Ps.51:10 ESV

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.”

Ps.139:23-24 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Mar.28-Apr.2,2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 11:37-41 focusing on Jesus at the Pharisee’s House.

What seems to be the motive for this Pharisee to invite Jesus to dinner? What “amazed” the host about Jesus and why? How would you summarize what Jesus said about this hand-washing ritual? How can you personalize this spiritual principle for you? Pray for a clean heart and hands.

DAY 2 Read Luke 11:42-45 focusing on the First 3 Woes of the Pharisee.

What tithing practice of the Pharisees does Jesus confront here – what’s good and what’s missing? What about the “seats of honor” and “greetings” in public – what’s being confronted? How were the Pharisees (in general) like “graves/tombs” and what is Jesus pointing out? What’s the response in vs.45 and what does this show you? Pray to not be like a Pharisee.

DAY 3 Read Luke 11:46-51 focusing on the Next Woes of the Pharisees.

How are the Pharisees “crushing people” with their demands? What are they missing here? What’s the main point about them building monuments for their ancestors – isn’t that a good thing? What is Jesus completely unveiling about these religious leaders? Think about your own ‘religious practices’ – how is what you’re practicing helping you get closer to God and His message & mission? Pray for a true heart that seeks God.

