



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 6: Religion to Redemption
Episode 5: Condition of the Heart
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- Read Matthew 23:1-33. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- What does Sitting in the seat of Moses mean?
- Jesus called out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. What are you preaching but not practicing?
- When you're doing all the right things for God, but you know your heart isn't really in it, how can you repent and turn to Jesus?
- **Discover:** Discuss examples of how the Pharisees took the "commandments of men" and taught them as if they were the commandments of God.
Deepen: What did you used to believe was a Biblical command that you later found was just a church tradition, cultural expectation, family rule or someone else's personal preference?
- Read John 14:15. Discuss what the verse means.
- Read Matthew 23:29-32. What areas have you been tempted to put legalism over the gospel?
- Discuss the differences between how Jesus dealt with the sin of people that were far from God versus how he dealt with the sin of the Pharisees.
- Read Matthew 16:17-19 and 1 Peter 2:9. How is God calling you to use your sphere of influence to help others enter the kingdom of heaven?

Action Step: Identify one person God has placed in your sphere of influence who may be far from Him. Pray for that person every day this week, then take one intentional step to make it easier for them to move toward Jesus.