

I Believe in God, but...

Christians are Hypocrites

LifeGroup Lesson

May 5, 2019

OPENING PRAYER: As a group or a family, please pray for you're the church around the world as it struggles with being hypocritical. Pray for yourself that God will not only show you places where you may be acting hypocritically, but also places where you can love extravagantly to fight back against the perception of hypocrisy.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you think about when we talked about ways many of us are hypocritical with our faith? Did you find some examples in your own life?
- Has anybody ever said to you that Christians are hypocrites? If so, how did you respond? Do you think your response made you feel better or made them feel better?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Matthew 23: 1-15;23-24

- In this passage Jesus is calling out the religious people for their hypocrisy. He talks about a few different things here. Which thing sticks out to you the most? Why?
- What is the common thread in this passage? What is the heart of what Jesus is getting at when He is confronting them (and us) about how we live out our faith?
- What is a wall that you need to tear down in your life to allow people to see God working?
- What is a way that you can love extravagantly and recklessly in your life?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Begin by praying that your heart will be open to new people and people drastically different than you. Ask God to show you where He wants you to go and who He wants you to show His love to. Thank God for those who showed you Him in your life and helped you to see the Light. Ask God to empower you to be that same light for somebody else.