

What Would Jesus Undo

Hypocrisy

Week 3

Main Idea: We all have parts to ourselves that we try to hide from others. This becomes a problem when we live our lives hiding behind a mask, pretending to be someone we really aren't. Jesus has zero tolerance for hypocrites, but unlimited grace towards sinners. The body of Christ should be the one place that hypocrisy doesn't stand a chance of surviving. Because of the love of Jesus, we have nothing to hide.

Outline:

Hypocrisy is not the difference between what we do and what we wish we did...

Hypocrisy is the difference between what we show others and who we actually are.

3 Responses to Hypocrisy:

- Stop ignoring the log in your eye.
 - 2 Peter 3:9
 - Proverbs 28:13
- Clean the inside of the bowl.
 - Matthew 23:25–26
- Live in the light.
 - Psalm 139:23–24
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - *“You have nothing to fear when you have nothing to hide.”*

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some examples of silly little things that we don't like to tell others about ourselves? What motivates us to hide certain things from others, even the people closest to us?
2. What is the difference between being a sinner and being a hypocrite?
3. Read Matthew 23:27–28, 33 and John 8:1–11. What is the difference between how Jesus responds to the hypocrites and how he responds to the sinners? Why do you think Jesus responds so differently to the two?
4. Read Matthew 7:1–5. How does Jesus instruct us to judge others?
5. What do you think are some reasons why people outside of the church view Christians as hypocrites? What can we begin doing (or undoing) to change that reputation?
6. Most non-believers have no issue with Jesus, but major issues with Christians. How does that statement impact how we should connect with those outside of the church?
7. Reflect on the statement, “You have nothing to fear when you have nothing to hide.” How can we begin to build a habit of transparency in our lives? What effect might that have on those around us?