

Community GROUPS

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Soapbox: Week 1

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean. On the outside you appear to people as being righteous but on the inside you’re full of wickedness.” [Matthew 23:27-28] “They do not practice what they preach.” [Matt 23:3]

1. How would you define/describe a “hypocrite” in your own words?
2. Six times in Matthew 23, Jesus calls the religious experts “hypocrites.” What does his repetition reveal about the sin?
3. As a Christian, knowing people are watching you, what are they seeing in the way you’re living your life? Knowing Jesus is watching you, are there areas of hidden/private hypocrisy in your life? If so, what are they?