



Undo Hypocrisy with Humility

*In the New Year, we often think of the things we will *do*, in this series, we will explore what we will undo. Through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus would undo some of the prevailing mindsets, behaviors and interactions that keeps u separated from Him and Others.*

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Circle Time: Have you ever felt like you couldn't be yourself at church?
 - What was it that made you feel that way?
 - Why do you think people naturally try to present something other than their real selves at church?
 - Do you feel like you can be yourself at our church? Why or why not?
- Read Matthew 6:1-17
 - What sticks out to you in this scripture?
 - The book of James clearly teaches us that a faith not lived out is no faith at all... but in our scripture today, Jesus teaches us to practice our faith in secret. How do you reconcile these two teachings.
 - What do you think were the hypocrites seeking out in how they were practicing?
 - What do you think the "modern" day hypocrite looks like? Describe their characteristics?
 - What "reward" do you think the "modern" day hypocrite is after?
 - Jesus teaches us "The Lord's Prayer" as direct response to the way that hypocrites pray. In what ways is The Lord's Prayer juxtaposed to the way the hypocrites pray?
- What steps do you think the church needs to take to begin to change the worlds perspective of us?
 - What are some ways you safeguard yourself from acting in hypocritical ways?
 - Pastor Nick taught us 5 ways to overcome hypocrisy in our own lives. List some practical things you do to practice each of these in your life?
 - Do things in secret.
 - Be slow to judge others.
 - Be quick to extend mercy.
 - Work on inward sanctification more than outward appearance.
 - Love sincerely.
- Pray with each other.