

Bringing truth to LIFE-**Wisdom for your life this week.**

Not much has changed in the past 2,000 years. Jesus' life and teaching is compellingly attractive... and even offensive at times. Following Jesus and learning from Him will sometimes shock us. This journey brings us face-to-face with the example of Jesus to lovingly confront sin!

In this last section of the lesson we will put some appropriate action to the truths God revealed to us in this passage of scripture.

- a. What causes you resist the loving correction from the Holy Spirit or good friend?

What is the benefit in your life when you invite loving, but direct correction? Consider some of these scriptures...

- Proverbs 3:12
- Proverbs 19:20
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Hebrews 12:10-11

- b. How can you make your heart more open to godly correction?

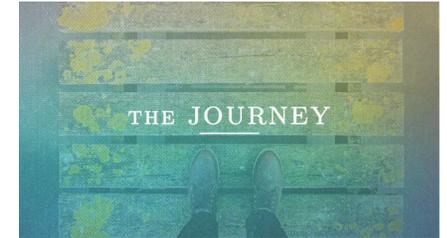
What patterns of self-righteous hypocrisy is present in your life? Who would you invite to point it out to you?

- c. Do you love others enough to warn them about dangerous choices, behavior, and attitudes? Talk together about how to follow Jesus' example of loving confrontation.

Pray for Each Other "Lord, help me to see the benefit of correction in my life. Give me a good friend who can have those difficult conversations with me. Give me a strong love to be that kind of a friend to others."

**LIFE Group Sermon Study**

Week of 03/31/19



Big Idea: What does it mean to follow Jesus? How do we do that? Through the eyes of Luke, we will catch a glimpse into what it must have been like for Jesus' very first followers to join Him on journey of a lifetime! In this series we will discover that following Jesus today will be no less adventurous, life-changing, or world-changing for us than it was for those who first followed Him.

LUKE: The Journey**Week #3****Jesus confronting others!****Luke 11:37-54**

Luke 11:37-45. ³⁷ "As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table. ³⁸ His host was amazed to see he sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, 'You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy – full of greed and wickedness! ⁴⁰ Fools! Didn't God make the inside as well as the outside? ⁴¹ So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over. ⁴² What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. ⁴³ What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you love to sit in the seats of honor in the synagogues and receive respectful greetings as you walk in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Yes, what sorrow awaits you! For you are like hidden graves in a field. People walked over them without knowing the corruption they are stepping on.' ⁴⁵ 'Teacher,' said an expert in religious law, 'you have insulted us, too, in what you just said.'"

Capture our Attention-

- a. "Seeing red!" - Tell of a time in school when you received an assignment back with many corrections. Did the teacher let you improve it and turn it back in?
- b. Share your Take-A-Way from Jed's sermon last Sunday. What insight did God use to capture your attention? How are you trying to put that insight into practice in your daily life?

Enlighten our Mind- Study the Word of God.

1. Read the full Luke 11:37-54 passage. What word, phrase or sentence in the scripture text most captures your attention?

Why do you think God drew your attention to this section of the scripture?

2. What do you learn about Jesus in this passage (Luke 11:37-54)?

What do you learn about Pharisees in this story?

What does this passage reveal about humans?

3. How does Jesus live out the principles of His teaching about love (from Luke 6:27-28, 35-36) in this setting?

Is the directness of Jesus' words to Pharisees in this passage inconsistent with Jesus command to "love your enemies"? Why or Why not?

4. This passage gives a very clear description of a very dangerous religious condition- self-righteous hypocrisy. What does Jesus say is wrong with this type of religious life? (11:39-52)

Discuss the behaviors that Jesus confronts here.

What sorts of Corrections does Jesus recommend?

5. Read John 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 3:9. What motivation is behind Jesus' confrontation of sinful behavior?

What are some improper motives for confrontation? (Gal. 5:26)

What was the response of the religious leaders? (Luke 11:53-54)