



FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Ice Breaker

If you got one wish right now and you had to be honest, would you wish to become the kindest person in the history of the world, or the most beautiful person in the history of the world? Which would you choose and why?

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**Light Shines From The
Inside, Out**
FUSED in Luke

Opening Prayer

Discussion

1. While many of us know the right answer would be to be the kindest or most loving person, the honest answer for many would be to be the most attractive. We are a people obsessed with how we are viewed by others. When you look at our culture, where else do you see evidence of our obsession with perception?
2. This week's message began with a look at **Luke 11:33-36**. Take a moment to read this text together as a group. Many of us read this text as though the eye were a window to the body, even though Jesus says, "lamp." What is the difference between a lamp and a window, and how does this text change if we recognize that Jesus actually was talking about a lamp when he said this?
3. In this week's message, Josh made the case that verses 33-36 are part of a larger body of teaching, beginning in Luke 11:14 and concluding with Luke 12:12, and the entire text was an examination of the tension between what is inside and outside a person. **Read Luke 11:37-54 together as a group.** Why do you think Jesus uses such harsh language with the Pharisee and the "experts in the Law?"
 - a. In what ways have you also seen religious people speak one way and behave in a different way?
 - b. How do you think we can help gain a proper perspective on our own selves so that we aren't falling victim to the same issue that Jesus is being critical of?
 - c. Can you share a time in your own life when you were confronted because you were not "practicing what you preach?" How did it feel for someone to point that out in you? How did you respond?
4. Notice how the Pharisee and "experts in the Law" respond to Jesus as leaves them or "goes outside" in verse 53. How would you describe what is happening in their hearts in that moment? How do you think they should have responded to Jesus' words?
5. **Read Psalm 139 together as a group.** What words or verses stood out specifically to you as you read? As David writes this Psalm, what is he asking God to do?
 - a. More specifically, if you were vulnerable right now, what do you think God would see in you if you invited him to know your heart, test you, know your anxious thoughts and see if there is any offensive way in you?
6. In what ways do you believe that what is inside your heart matches up well with what you say and do? And in what ways do you believe that what is inside your heart is completely different than what you say and do? How do Jesus words in Luke 11:36 challenge you to make sure that the light in you is completely light? What does it look like for your light to begin on the inside and then come out, rather than the other way around?

Closing Prayer