

Community Group Homework Questions

1. Like the scribes and Pharisees, many supposed religious leaders today are completely void of true spiritual life and teach error that leads people to eternal destruction. What principles should we use to discern false religious leaders from true biblical leaders that we can trust?
2. One of the major errors of the false religious leaders of Jesus' day was they elevated religious tradition and their own religious system above the word of God. What are the dangers of elevating tradition or a religious system above God's word? In what subtle ways might we be tempted to impose a religious system onto our understanding of God's word?
3. Jesus said to the false religious leaders of His day: "You shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in." How do Jesus' words inform how we should view non-Christian religions and false religions under the banner of Christianity? How should we evangelize to people in these dangerous false religions?
4. When Jesus gives His strong rebuke against the scribes and Pharisees, He doesn't do so out of unrighteous anger. He made strong statements against them to warn them that they were headed for judgment and to warn people not to follow them down the same path. How does Jesus' example inform how we should interact with false religious leaders or people in a false religion today?

A Scathing Rebellion Against Religion

Luke 11:45-54

Series #73

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"A Scathing Rebellion Against Religion."** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is the difficulty posed with wearing a WWJD bracelet?
2. Most people in our culture/society cannot envision/picture Jesus doing what in relation to spiritual leaders?
3. We miss the impact of Luke 11:45-54 because we view the Pharisees and the scribes as what?
4. The Pharisees/scribes were the most what in that society?
5. Jesus said that, with rare exception, the Pharisees/scribes were destitute of what?
6. How would the community react to what Jesus said?
7. Who were the "lawyers" that Jesus referred to?
8. Who added laws to the law of God and which group committed themselves to try to obey all of them?
9. Jesus denouncing the Pharisees implicated what group as well?
10. What is something that religious leaders often do?
11. What is a powerful tool often used by religions/religious leaders?

12. What did the Pharisees do to look good in the eyes of society?
13. The lawyers were more aligned with those who did what?
14. The religious leaders claimed that they would not have murdered the prophets, but their claim was either a blatant lie or what?
15. The religion of 1st Century Judaism was built around the true God and supposedly built around what?
16. Jesus doesn't go by what is claimed by religious groups or leaders. He goes by what?
17. The opening part of verse 49 is Jesus explaining the what?
18. What group is often not receptive to God's messengers who bring God's Word?
19. It is a fact that many religious leaders don't even take time to do what?
20. Resistance to truth can sometimes be what (as it was in Jesus' day)?
21. The persecution of Jesus and His disciples rarely came from what?
22. The persecution of Jesus, His disciples, and the resistance even today many times comes from where?
23. When did the judgment of God fall on the generation that Jesus was talking to in this text?
24. Who were the first and last martyrs of the Old Testament period?
25. What is the last book of the Jewish Bible?
26. The religious leaders of Israel had greater accountability than the Jews of the Old Testament because of what reason?
27. Did Jesus believe that the Old Testament was composed of 39 books?
28. Nothing compares to misleading people regarding what?
29. Jesus was passionate in this rebuke because what was at stake?
30. Christian religions/denominations/churches shut up the kingdom of heaven with all their what (which gives people a false security)?
31. How did the Scribes and Pharisees respond to Jesus' rebuke?
32. Were the questions the scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus genuine/sincere questions?
33. Are you one who is religious but you aren't interested in truth?
34. The scribes and Pharisees went on the offensive to use what against Jesus?
35. The scribes and Pharisees plotted ways to set Jesus up in an attempt to do what?
36. The things Jesus said were not statements uttered in a lack of what?
37. When you hear Jesus talk the way He did in Matthew 23:33, you know that He is what?
38. The hearts of the religious leaders were a dirty and dangerous mess but they hid behind what?
39. It is mind-boggling to think that many religious people end up where?
40. Have you repented of your sins and received Jesus by faith as your own personal Lord and Savior?