

Community Group Homework Questions

1. Read Luke 16:15; Matthew 6:3–4, 6, 17–18; 23:27–28. What do these passages teach us about how God assesses people?
2. How does the answer to question #1 inform how we should pursue righteous living?
3. How does the answer to question #1 inform how we should practice repentance?
4. Read Luke 16:17. What does this verse teach us about the nature of God's word?
5. How does the nature of God's word (based on Luke 16:17) inform how we should handle and apply God's word?

CONTRADICTING THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Luke 16:14-18

Series #93

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

1. Why do most Jews in our world not believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
2. Jews are right that the word of God promises a Messiah who will bring peace but they are wrong about what?
3. Where did Jesus tell people that He did not come to bring peace at His 1st coming?
4. Jesus knew His 1st coming, ministry, and teaching would bring what?
5. A lot of the ministry of Jesus was spent correcting what group?
6. How many times in the Sermon on the Mount did Jesus use, the phrase, "You have heard that it was said..."?
7. Jesus was constantly taking issue with the teachings of Judaism and constantly saying what?
8. What was something the spiritual leaders of Israel didn't focus on?
9. The common people of Israel were turning to Jesus with what?
10. Leading up to these verses, what had Jesus been teaching on?

11. From Scripture we see that no man can do what?
12. Why did Jesus's teaching about money not sit well with the spiritual leaders?
13. The spiritual leaders had no room for genuinely doing what?
14. The spiritual leaders of Israel had the look, the talk, the position, the respect, the dress, the titles, and that made them what?
15. The religious leaders did their deeds to be what?
16. The religious leaders used prayer as a what?
17. When Jesus said, "your Father sees in secret," it was His way to make the point that God knows and looks at what?
18. Did the people of the New Testament have the same view of the scribes and Pharisees that we have today?
19. Inside, the scribes and Pharisees were full of what?
20. Just a reminder: Many religious people don't really what?
21. Are you religious because you want to be accepted by others, respected by others, or admired and looked up to by others?
22. Which were the scribes and Pharisees: those who faked being religious or those who were really religious?
23. What were the scribes/Pharisees blind to?
24. What were some things that were highly esteemed among men?
25. The 2nd example Luke gives us revolves around people doing what?
26. What was a major turning point in history?
27. From the day John the Baptist burst onto the scene preaching the kingdom, it was violently opposed by whom?
28. The kingdom moves ahead relentlessly, and only the persistent do what?
29. The religious leaders promoted their man-made teachings but those human views are nothing compared to what?
30. What word refers to the smallest Hebrew letter? What is the tiny extension on a Hebrew letter called?
31. The laws/ordinances of the Old Covenant are a what?
32. We should not try to hold on to the shadows (laws/ordinances) of the Old Testament, but neither should we do what with them?
33. What was the fourth area where Jesus's teaching contradicted the religious leaders of His day?
34. What did Rabbi Hillel teach about divorce?
35. Why does Jesus not develop the exception clause regarding immorality as He does in Matthew 19?
36. Jesus confronted the religious leaders' teaching by saying that their view proliferates what?
37. What kind of ministry is controversial today and results in divisions?