



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 23, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text: Luke 11:37-44

37 While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. 38 The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. 39 And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. 40 You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you. 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. 43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. 44 Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think of Jesus, an invited guest, pronouncing woe after woe upon his host? Would you ever do such a thing? Why or why not? What does Jesus' behavior tell you about His love and concern for sinful people?
2. Jesus was never afraid to associate with the most sinful people of His day, yet He never condoned or participated in their sin. What lessons can we learn from Jesus' example?
3. Why do you think Jesus reserved his harshest condemnation for the religious morally conservative people of His day? (Be sure to consider the "whole cup" in your response)
4. In what ways can Christians in the church today major on the minors and minor on the majors? What do you think a "me centered" religion looks like? What is the danger of this kind of religion?