



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of November 20, 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 11:45-54**

***[45] One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also." [46] And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. [47] Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. [48] So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. [49] Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' [50] so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, [51] from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. [52] Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering." [53] As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, [54] lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.***

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Is it ever necessary to offend someone? If so under what circumstances? What do you think Proverbs 27:6 means when it says, "***Faithful are the wounds of a friend***"?
2. In what ways can Christians, in our zeal for holy living and passion for the truth of God's word, become legalistic in the way we treat other people? (NOTE: Legalism, here, can be thought of as a dependence upon works of the law rather than on faith for salvation). How are legalistic people more concerned about themselves than about others?
3. Why do we normally take offense when someone tells us that we're doing something wrong? Why is it so hard for us to see the "blind spots" that hinder us in our walks with the Lord? What can you do to expose the blind spots in your own life?

4. How can Christians sometimes hinder an unbeliever from entering the kingdom of God? What is the difference between Christian hypocrisy and Christians being human (i.e. making sinful human mistakes)?
5. Why are convicting passages like this one, which deals with hypocritical Pharisees, good for all Christians to think about and reflect on?