



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of April 30, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 16:14-18

[14] The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. [15] And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. [16] “The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. [17] But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void. [18] “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

If you were not able to listen to this week’s sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1>.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it that you cannot serve both God and money? Does loving one really mean hating the other? What does it tell us about our hearts when we try to love both?
2. Was the Mosaic Law that guided the lives and actions of the Pharisees simply a checklist of “do’s and don’t’s”? If not, what was the Law intended to do?
3. How can the misuse of religion become an idol in the human heart?
4. We, like the Pharisees, are prone to self-righteousness. How should the “good news of the Kingdom of God” kill self-righteousness? What do you think the imagery of people forcing their way into the kingdom of God is supposed to tell us?
5. Although Scripture provides “legal” reasons for divorce, how can these reasons be misused? What does this misuse reveal about a person’s heart?