



PREACHING CURRICULUM

HYPOCRISY OR HUMILITY? MATTHEW 7:1-11

"hypocrisy is inevitable if we place our confidence in the flesh, humility is possible when we place our confidence in God."

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

How would you define hypocrisy and humility according to scripture? What factors influence whether we practice these attitudes in our lives? _____

Why is judgment unavoidable in our world? What is Jesus actually teaching against in this passage? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Are you regularly seeking repentance and right standing with God so that, when He calls on you to address sin in others, you are prepared to do so? Can you share any examples of this in your own life? ***If this has been an issue in your walk with the Lord, consider asking Him to search your heart for any sin that might be present, and confess it to Him today.*** _____

Are asking, seeking, and knocking a part of your daily Christian life? What do they look like in your life? _____

Are there times you tend to impose a standard on others that you are unwilling to hold yourself to? What does this look like? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

Is there someone in your life who needs to be confronted about their sin? How do you need to deal with any “logs” in your own eye before you can approach them? _____

How do you need to ask, seek, and knock in order to receive from God? What is the thing you desire? _____

Will you choose hypocrisy or humility?

1/ The sin of hypocrisy.

Application:

- Regularly check your heart for sin.
- Confront sin in others. Judge behavior based on the righteous standards God Himself has imposed on us.
- Limit the number of times you confront others. If they refuse to listen, move on.

2/ The blessing of humility.

Application/instruction: 3 imperatives/ commands:

- Ask, seek, knock - “if we want to receive, find and have doors open, we must humbly pray. In doing so, we are reminded that we are dependent creatures.”

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

How can you commit to putting hypocrisy to death in your life and also pursuing humility this week? _____

5 PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT