

Six Woes - Luke 11:37-54

Topics: Criticism, Enemies, Hardheartedness, Hypocrisy, Judging Others, Justice, Law, Opposition, Prophecy

Open It

- * 1. How important are appearances in our culture?
- 2. In what way do many people show that they care more about how they look to others than about what they're really like inside?

Explore It

- 3. What did the Pharisee do when Jesus finished speaking? (11:37)
- * 4. What surprised Jesus' host? (11:38)
- * 5. According to Jesus, what did the Pharisee emphasize and overlook? (11:39-40)
- 6. How could the Pharisees have made everything clean for themselves? (11:41)
- * 7. What did the Pharisees neglect in favor of tithing herbs? (11:42)
- 8. Why did Jesus say "woe" six times? (11:42-52)
- 9. Who else besides the Pharisees was offended by Jesus' strong words? (11:45)
- 10. What did the Pharisees' forefathers do? (11:47)
- 11. Why were Jesus' listeners held responsible for the prophets' fates? (11:48-51)
- 12. To what did Jesus liken knowledge? (11:52)
- 13. What did the Pharisees and teachers of the law do when Jesus left? (11:53)
- 14. What motivated the Pharisees and teachers of the law to ask questions? (11:54)

Get It

- 15. How would you describe the Pharisees?
- * 16. Who today imitates the Pharisees' attitudes and actions?
- 17. Who today tries to change other people on the outside without helping them change on the inside?
- 18. In what ways do Christians try to change the way people act outwardly rather than how they respond to God?
- 19. What trade-offs do we make in emphasizing appearance over substance?
- 20. Of what "woes" might Jesus warn us?
- 21. In what way do we hinder others from coming to God?
- * 22. How can we be sure that we are emphasizing justice and the love of God instead of our own lists of things others ought to do?
- 23. Why was it fair for Jesus to condemn His contemporaries for their forefathers' sins?
- 24. To whom else might Jesus want you to give "the key of knowledge"?
- 25. How can we be sure that we are asking questions to gain knowledge rather than to catch someone in his or her words?

Apply It

- 26. What person can you ask to spend some time this week helping you weed out hypocrisy?
- * 27. Whom can you encourage to learn from God's Word this week? How?