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...in Christ's Discernment

DISCERNING HEART-CHANGE AND HYPOCRISY

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Introduction:

Big Idea:

Pursue _____ - _____, not _____.

Six Warning Signs for Hypocrisy

1) _____, not _____ (v. 42)

Heart-Change Response: Firmly root all _____ in a heart of _____ for God and others.

Six Warning Signs for Hypocrisy

1) Activity, not love (v. 42)

2) _____ - _____, not _____ - _____ (v. 43)

Heart-Change Response: Believe and treasure _____ based on the merits of Christ.

3) _____, not _____ (v. 44)

Heart-Change Response: Emphasize the _____ Christ provides, not just the _____ sin provides.

4) _____, not _____ (v. 46)

Heart-Change Response: Let the _____ of God grip you so you can give it to others.

5) _____, not _____ (v. 47-51)

Heart-Change Response: _____ your sin and _____ through Jesus' power.

6) _____, not _____ (v. 52)

Heart-Change Response: Open the door to all _____ using _____ as the key.

Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Ask the Lord to reveal any of the six warning signs for hypocrisy that might be present in your life. Write down any you see.

Application

2. How can you pursue the heart-change response given in the sermon for each of the warning signs you identified in question one? What other heart-level response(s) might be necessary?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 11:37-41 and 12:1-3. ***What are some ways we see hypocrisy in the world and in the church? Why is hypocrisy so prevalent ?***

2. Read Luke 11:42-52, stopping at each “woe” to define and discuss the “warning sign” identified in the sermon (make sure everyone understands each one). ***How have you seen these warning signs in your own life?***

3. ***What is needed to pursue heart-change instead of hypocrisy?***

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and speak the gospel of grace into one another’s lives. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.

