



Nov. 4 / The Problem of Hypocrisy

Text: Colossians 4:2-5

Video Question: When you think about your favorite movies and TV shows what character comes to mind as a hypocrite?

1. We shared a stat from the book UNChristian in 2007 that 85% of people did not like Christians because they were hypocritical. Does that surprise you? Why do you think this was number 3 on the list!
2. Which do you struggle with the most with hypocrisy...historical issues (the crusades, the witch trials, slavery) or sailer personal hypocrisy in the lives of Christians?
3. Read what Jesus said about hypocrisy in **Matthew 7:1-5**. Why was Jesus do passionate about this issue? What do you take away from the passage?
4. We talked about 4 reasons hypocrisy impacts Christians and people exploring Christianity. We said that we are all hypocrites, many christians are not saved and just religious, people believe but do not grow, and the church us for messy people. Which of these do you think has the greatest impact?
5. Read **Colossians 4:2-6** together and process together as a group how embracing this wisdom can help us fight hypocrisy.
6. Mark Clark said, " The essence of Christianity is Jesus, not how people have attempted to follow Him and fumbled the ball." How does this give us freedom to help people confront hypocrisy?