

Sermon Guide

Luke 11:37-54



► In Luke 11:37-54, Jesus condemns the Pharisees and the experts of the law in a series of six woes. The Pharisees developed an extensive tradition of oral law and “religious rules” that was applied to every area of life. Do you tend to be a rule-follower or a rebellious rule-breaker?

Read [Luke 11:37-54](#)

1. What is Jesus’ basic point about the Pharisees in vv. 39-41?
2. In your own words, what is the meaning of the three woes directed at the Pharisees in vv. 42-44?
3. In your own words, what is the meaning of the next three woes (vv. 46-52) directed at the experts in the law?
4. Typically, Jesus is thought of as “meek and mild”. What is the significance of this passage’s presentation of Jesus for you?

GROW



- Of the six woes, which one is Jesus directing most to you? Why?
- How have you tended to favor legalism or following “spiritual rules” over justice and the love of God?
- How would you like your life to change this week in light of what you’ve read in this passage?

GLORIFY

•✠ In this passage, Jesus directly confronts religious hypocrisy and pride. Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you the ways in which you have been blinded by pride or hypocrisy in favor of legalism. Repent of any ways you have intentionally or unintentionally loaded people down with heavy burdens or hindered others from entering into a relationship with Christ. Listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to “[We Fall Down](#)” by Chris Tomlin.