

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Scripture: Luke 11:37-54



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

No one but Jesus Christ can cleanse sinners from the inside out.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Who were the Pharisees, and what was their reputation? Why did they maintain their separatist lifestyle?
2. Why were the Pharisees offended by Jesus' failure to wash before eating? How did Jesus rebuke their hypocrisy (verses 39-41)?
3. What are the six woes Jesus declares against the Pharisees and scribes?
4. Explain how the Pharisees missed the point of tithing (verse 42).
5. Like the Pharisees, do you derive your worth and importance from how others view you (verse 43)?
6. Why did Jesus compare the Pharisees to "unmarked graves" (verse 44; Numbers 19; Matthew 23:27)?
7. Who were the lawyers (scribes), and what was their sin (verse 45)? Why do legalists create burdens for people (verse 46)? How do we avoid elevating our preferred methods of living to the level of authority that is reserved for God's word?
8. Why was the generation of Jesus' time particularly culpable for their unbelief than preceding generations who killed God's prophets (Verses 47-49)?
9. What lesson can we learn from Jesus' indictment of the scribes in verse 52?
10. Discuss how the gospel is the remedy for self-righteousness and hypocrisy.