



## Fighting for Good

### Review:

Jesus “punched” hardest against the religious establishment.

*Hypocrisy:* Pretending to be morally upright in order to boost your image for others.

*Self-Righteousness:* Believing you’re completely righteous and morally superior to others.

“Weightier Matters”: Justice, Mercy, & Faithfulness

### The Big Idea:

Appearing Good is More Costly Than Being Good.

### Scripture:

Matthew 23:25-28

## The Cost of Appearing Good

### 1) We Become \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 23:29-32

### 2) We Become Blind to Our \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 23:5-7

Matthew 23:25, 28

The Bible has a lot to say about the consequences of sin.

- Sin makes our prayers less effective
- Sin distances us from God's presence
- Sin hurts our community
- Sin causes us to lose our assurance of God's favor

### 3) We Become a Bad \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 23:3

Matthew 23:13-15

### 4) We Don't Find What We're Looking For

Matthew 23:33

## The Cost of Being Good

(How to clean the inside of the cup)

Matthew 15:10-20

### 1.) We Receive a New \_\_\_\_\_ From God

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Romans 2:29

Deuteronomy 10:16, Deuteronomy 30:6

Jeremiah 4:4

Luke 11:39-41

### 2.) We \_\_\_\_\_ the Heart of God

"Give the inside as alms"

Give food to the hungry, give drink to the thirsty

Be so compassionate towards those that have less that it moves you to action.

"Appearing Good is more costly than being Good."