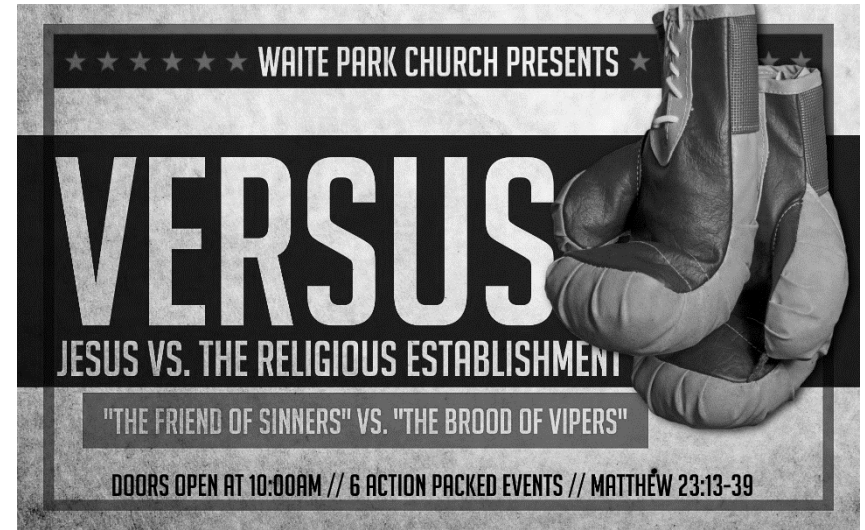


3. _____ = "A humble life submitted to Jesus as Lord."

Other words:

What does God really want? Justice, Mercy, Faithfulness



Fighting for Faithfulness

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.

Scripture: Matthew 23:23-24

Jesus seems to say some _____ are more important than others. (vs. 23)

The Question: What makes them more important?

Micah 6:1-8

Vs. 1-2 God presents his case against Israel

Vs. 3-5 God _____ Israel what he's done for them.

Vs. 6-7 Micah anticipates Israel's _____.

- "What more do we have to do to make you happy?"

"He has [already] shown you, O mortal, what is good. What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (vs. 8)

Pagans didn't attach _____ to religion.

The prophets warned the Israelites not to think like pagans.

- Jeremiah 7:4-7
- Isaiah 1:11-12

In Matthew 23, Jesus is referring back to Micah 6:8

What practices lull us into believing we're pleasing God?

- The "_____."
- Knowing the _____ really well.
- Staying away from _____
- Faithfully adhering to the rules.

Our religious practice can make us believe we're following Jesus, when in reality we're following the _____ of this _____.

The purpose of religious practice isn't to _____ God, but to cultivate a certain kind of _____.

The Fruit (More Important Matters)

1. _____ = "Living in reconciled relationship with others."

Justice is related to "_____."

2. _____ = "goodwill or kindness toward the afflicted or marginalized."

- Isaiah 1:16-17
- Hosea 6:6
- Zechariah 7:4-10
- Matthew 25:31-46
- James 1:27