



DECONSTRUCT

GO FURTHER | JAN 15 | THE PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What is your favorite deep wintertime food? (e.g. casseroles, soups, breakfast for dinner, etc.)

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- Read Matthew 23:1-3. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Who is Jesus' audience? Who is Jesus talking about? Are they one and the same?
- What does he have against the religious leaders in this passage?
- What are ways we do not practice what we preach?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Matthew 23:6-12. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- List the ways the religious leaders fall short of the faith Jesus desires.
- Are any of those ways you've fallen short in your own faith?
- What is the prescription, the cure, according to verses 11 & 12? How can you apply that in your own life?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Lord Jesus, we know the problem with the church is us, the people that make it up. We fall short so many times yet you still somehow work through our missteps and stumbles to still draw people closer to you. Help us through the Holy Spirit, through our imperfections, to draw people to you, through all our words and actions and thoughts.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- For more on humility, check out this 4-day reading plan:
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/27516-3-steps-to-becoming-the-greatest-humble-person>