



Sermon Scripture Passage

Matthew 23:1-12

Fun icebreaker question

What is your favorite thing to do on vacation?

Discipleship Cycle: Debrief & Interpret

Did anyone do the "Respond Actively" exercise last week? What did you learn about God and yourself through that experience?

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: Are there any ways that we, as a group, can encourage each other to be more honest in this time we have together each week? How can we put those things into practice?

Quick Review: What stood out to you from this week's passage?

Looking back at your notes from this week's passage and sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

My Story

1) What are some of the ways that pride stands in the way of humility? How does pride create burdens and humility relieve burdens? 2) David Augsburger says, "Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable." What was a time in your life when you felt truly heard? How did it make you feel to have someone listen?

Dive Deeper

*Let's re-read the passage one more time.

- Circle / highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.
- Underline what you think is important to remember.
- Put an X next to anything that confuses you.

*Faith: What is this passage asking me to believe about God or myself?

*Hope: What hope does this passage offer us as God's people?

*Love: What is this passage asking us to do? How do we put these words into action in our lives?

Discipleship Cycle: Respond Actively

The ministries of listening and helping were two of the ways listed to humbly serve people thereby relieving their burdens.

Who is one person you can minister to by truly listening this week?

What is one thing you can do for a neighbor or coworker this week to lighten their burden?

A special question for couples and families

One of the most profound things I experienced as a teenager was seeing an adult in our church apologize to their child and say the words "I was wrong." I remember it to this day. It stood out to me because it was not really something I ever saw modeled for me growing up; therefore, it took me a lot longer as an adult to learn how to admit I was wrong because it was not something I regularly witnessed.

How can we better model a posture of humility for the children around us?
