Scripture: Matthew 23 10/03/2021

## IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU

Mat 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, 3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. 10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. 11 The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

True Kingdom authority is displayed through us when we live a life that is not about us.

# 1.Don't Base Your Life On a False Authority.

Matthew 23:1-4, Matthew 12:1-2, Ephesians 1:20-23.

How does a self-acclaimed authority relate to harshness toward others?

## 2. False Authority is Self-Exalting.

Matthew 23:5-7, Deuteronomy 6:3-9, Numbers 15:38-39,

In your own life, have you seen evidence of intentionally "showing" piety to others? Where?

# 3. Don't Claim Authority That is Not Yours.

Matthew 23:8-10,

Are you susceptible to desiring any of these words too much? – Respect, Recognition, Reputation, Reverence (from others), Legacy...

# 4.We Know Authority When We Understand Humility.

Matthew 23:11-12, Matthew 20:26-28, Philippians 2:5-11

What way does the cross show the authority Christians should live in and live out?

#### **Church Announcements**

- Sunday School Adults and Kids 9:45am. Adults will be studying in Ezra and Nehemiah
- Home Bible Fellowships: Wednesday night: 7pm The Hacker's home. Thursday night: 7pm The Ham's home. (and on Zoom)
- HPBC FALL FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 23, 4pm 18-30's (college/young professionals) Retreat: 29-30 October

## **Special Request**

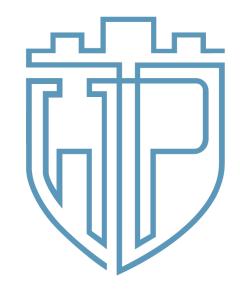
- Pray for John Turner
- Pray for a new location for our church.
- Pray for our witness of Christ in the community.

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Traditional Giving: A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

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