



Christianity In Real Life

Seeing My Growth for the Good of Others

Luke 6:39-40

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39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"
40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. (ESV)

1. Choose _____ (v.39)

2. See _____ (v.40a)

3. Anticipate _____ (v.40b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Jeremiah 50:6-7** and **2 Peter 2:1-3**. How would you advise a Christian who says he doesn't really give much thought to who teaches him the Bible or who he follows spiritually, as long as they say they "love Jesus"?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1** and **Philippians 3:17**. How do these verses challenge the popular refrain that we are all just "sinful beggars" who should always tell people to "look to Christ and not to us" because, after all, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven"? While there is, of course, some truth to those sentiments, why is this constant emphasis misleading and even harmful to the spiritual growth of God's people?
3. Read **Matthew 23:1-4**. Why would hypocrisy in our lives be a problem if what we are telling others is biblically accurate?
4. Read **Matthew 23:5-7**. How can you seek to avoid these twisted motives, especially in light of the instructions found in **Philippians 3:17** and **4:9**?
5. Read **1 Timothy 4:11-12**. What area of life listed in v.12 needs attention, knowing that you are continually setting an example for other Christians?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

February 2nd

Ex.29-30 & Mt.22:1-22

February 3rd

Ex.31-33 & Mt.22:23-46

February 4th

Ex.34-36 & Mt.23:1-22

February 5th

Ex.37-38 & Mt.23:23-39

February 6th

Ex.39-40 & Mt.24:1-22

February 7th

Lev.1-3 & Mt.24:23-51

February 8th

Lev.4-6 & Mt.25:1-30

February 9th

Lev.7-9 & Mt.25:31-46

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 06-11 – **Striving for Punctual Spiritual Growth**

Msg. # 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**

Msg. # 03-02 – **Caring Enough to Confront Unholy Behavior**

Msg. # 09-10 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**

Msg. # 12-64 – **The Headship of Christ & Pastoral Leadership**

Msg. # 02-29 – 02-33 – **People Who Make a Difference** (a five-part series on leadership)

Msg. # 01-04 – 01-07 – **Expanding Your Ministry** (a four-part series on effective ministry)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.

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