

WOE TO YOU

Matthew 23:13-37

Key verse 23

Discussion questions:

- In what ways do we really need self-examination and repentance regarding these woes?
- What is Jesus' desire for the teachers of the law and the Pharisees? And for us?

Inductive study questions:

1. What does "woe" mean? How were the teachers of the law and the Pharisees shutting the door to the kingdom of God? (13; Mt 23:4; Mt 18:6-7) How did they make their converts children of hell? (15)
2. What was wrong about their interpretation regarding oaths? (16-22) What parts of the law did they emphasize and neglect? (23-24) Which is the most important? (Hos 6:6)
3. What was on the outside and the inside of their cup? (25-28) Why is it more important to be clean on the inside than the outside? (Mt 15:18-19)
4. How did Jesus show they were not as different from their ancestors as they thought? (29-36) What is Jesus' desire for the religious leaders and for us? (37-39; Mk 1:15; Jn 3:16)