

The Gospel of Matthew:

Hypocrisy and Judgement:

1. Jesus' strongest words of denunciation were against the teachers of the law and the pharisees. Why do you think that is?
2. The pharisees were "missionaries of evil" working hard to make converts of falsehood. Are there modern day "missionaries of evil" today? Why or why not?
3. How can the pharisees who know the scriptures so well fail to know the truth of a saving relationship with God? How does that happen today?
4. In what ways today do we pay more attention to the details of the law yet ignore the heart issues of justice, mercy, and faithfulness?
5. Why is it easier to look righteous before others than it is to be righteous before God?
6. Why is it a tragedy today when people die without knowing and receiving Jesus as Lord and Saviour?