

# LifeGroup Meeting

Not A Fan 4  
"OUTSIDE vs INSIDE"

## **Get To Know You Question:**

What is one rule or law you which you could change or get rid of?

## **Let's Dig Deeper**

1. Have you thought this week about the difference between a fan and a follower? Where do you think you stand?
2. Jesus spoke very aggressively about religious fans. Let's break down the 7 "Woe's" and discuss. **FIRST WOE (Matthew 23:12-14)**
  - How did these religious people shut the door of the kingdom of heaven for others?
  - How have you seen Christians do this in our culture?
3. **Second WOE (Matthew 23:15)**
  - i. What do you think "twice as much a child as hell" mean?
  - ii. What do you think Jesus is talking about with these religious people? Have we seen anything like this in our Christian culture?
4. **Third WOE (Matthew 23:16-22)**
  - What practices does Jesus describe here?
  - How would the Pharisees take advantage of the fact that many people were not in the "know" about certain aspects of the faith.
  - What does this show about the religious leaders heart and motivation?
5. **Forth WOE (Matthew 23:23-24)**
  - Tithing is not a bad thing, so why is this a problem for Jesus?
  - Share some examples from Jesus' ministry of the religious leaders ignoring justice, mercy, or faithfulness?
  - What warning should we take from this verse?

**6. Fifth and Sixth WOE (Matthew 23:25-28)**

- Which things did these religious leaders focus on, and why?
- What kind of habits or practices would tend to result from this type of attitude of warning to impress others?

**7. Seventh WOE (Matthew 23:29-32)**

- What problem with their behavior does Jesus point here?
- What would make them fully guilty before the Lord?

**8.** Why do you think most Christians are more focused on their outsides, rather than on the inside?

**9.** How have we seen ourselves, or others, choose rules over relationships when it comes to our Christian faith?

- How can this lead people to leaving the church?

**10.** How have we seen ourselves, or others, choose law over love when it comes to our Christian faith?

**11.** How have we seen ourselves, or others, choose to have guilt over grace?

- For a lot of fans, they choose to “DO” rather than celebrate the “DONE”. Where have we seen ourselves fall into this?
- How have we seen ourselves or others make excuses to get out of going to church or growing in our relationship with Jesus? Why do you think that is?

**12.** How will you spend this week focusing on getting your insides right with Jesus, rather than focusing on having a perfect outside?

**13.** End in Prayer.