



Confronting The Hypocritical | Luke 11:37-53

1. Recall meals with others you have enjoyed. What was it that made it so enjoyable?
2. Can you recount an occasion when someone said something awkward at a meal you were attending? How did you deal with it?
3. What “meals with God” can you think of in the Old and New Testament? What changes came about? E.g. Genesis 18 & Judges 6:19
4. Why do you think Jesus took the opportunity at a meal, to highlight the Pharisees and experts in the law’s hypocrisy? What were the Pharisees really hungry for?
5. How would you define Hypocrisy? How do the Pharisees exemplify this definition?
6. Why is Jesus so angry at the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and Experts in the law? Do you agree with his anger?
7. “Humans are prone to the principle of least effort, often known as the “path of least resistance”, which means they’ll go for whatever option requires the least work. Hypocrisy allows you to appear principled without having to be so, which is much easier than adhering to strict principles.” *From “It’s only wrong when YOU do it! The psychology of hypocrisy.” Dean Burnett*

What are the issues about hypocrisy that stand out to you in this quote? Are we all prone to hypocrisy?

8. Read Proverbs 4:23 in the NIV then look at other translations of that Proverb. Are you guarding your heart by asking such questions as “Do I think more highly of myself than others?” What other questions may help you guard your heart from hypocrisy?
9. Luke uses the lifestyle of the Pharisees as a contrast to the life of the Spirit. Take time to ask Jesus to come and fill you with His Spirit so that the Fruit of the Spirit:- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control will shine in your life.