

Matthew 23:1-12
Sermon: February 5th, 2012

Know Your Neighbor

1. Were there some things in your childhood where you can look back and see that it was important for you to listen and obey your parents, but THEY didn't necessarily do a great job of "doing" what they said? If so, what were they/

Know God's Word

1. Reflect on the passage and in one or two sentences give a brief synopsis of the sermon last Sunday (include any points that impacted you.)
 - a. The passage used phylacteries and tassels as examples of good things they turned into attention getters. What are some modern day examples?
 - b. What is so bad about getting attention from others?
2. Read Philippians 2:3-11
 - a. Write down the several connections this passage has with our sermon passage.
 - b. Discuss the significant differences we see between Jesus (in Philippians) and the Pharisees (in Matthew) regarding the relationship between "teaching" and "doing".
 - c. Why in your opinion it is so important for us to humble ourselves? Why doesn't God just let us receive whatever glory comes our way?

Know How to Live

1. Give an example from your life where you took a "good thing" and turned it into an opportunity to get some attention.
2. How can we stop ourselves from this very strong propensity as human beings?