

## **Matthew 23:13-39**

Sermon: February 12, 2012

### **Know Your Neighbor**

1. What were some of your favorite ways to purposely tick off your parents? What things did you learn not to do, because it would “really” tick them off?
  
2. Have you ever been about to do something that you suspected might tick God off, but went ahead and did it anyway, because you could always ask for forgiveness tomorrow? Why is that not a good idea?

### **Know God’s Word**

1. What principle or verse from Sunday’s sermon stood out to you? Which of the 7 ways to tick God off do you struggle with the most?
  
2. We learned that the biggest thing that ticks God off is hypocrisy. Why would people pretend to be a believer or a deeply committed Christian when they are not?
  - a. What is the difference between being a hypocrite and being an imperfect Christian who still sins?
  
3. Why does Jesus say we should no longer make oaths or swear that what we are saying is true? (Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:12) How then will people know when we really mean something?
  
4. The Pharisees displeased God by focusing on minor matters of the law, like tithing even on their garden herbs, while neglecting the more important matters of God’s law. What are some of the minor matters we can focus too much on, and what are some of the more important matters we often ignore? (Micah 6:8; 1 Samuel 15:22; Matthew 22:37-40)

### **Know How to Live**

1. If God were to speak to you about an area of hypocrisy in your life, what do you think it would be? What is He asking you to do to please Him and become more genuine in that area of your life?