

Review:

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## Heartless Religion

Mark 3:1-12

*If we, as Christ followers, are good at advocating for “truth” as culture war combatants but not so much at actually dealing compassionately with people who are hurting, then we look an awful lot like the world, and \_\_\_\_\_*

**Discussion 1. Do you think today’s Christianity has a public relations problem, being seen as a “heartless religion”? What kinds of things foster that perception? What can you do this week to begin to change that perception?**

*Knowing the Word gives us great peace. Preaching and teaching the Word gains us credibility with other believers. But actually doing the Word is what \_\_\_\_\_ the world around us. Some of us in the church today need to talk less and do more.*

**Discussion 2. Don’t name names, but what is one thing you think Jesus wants to change about “the Church” today, i.e., one thing that makes Him angry about the current state of the Church?**

*God’s people should not overthink our churches’ strategic plan for growth. If we will \_\_\_\_\_ people well and \_\_\_\_\_ people Jesus, He “will draw all men unto himself.” It doesn’t have to be complicated.*

**Discussion 3. Do you remember what first “drew” you to the Church? How important do you think it is that the Church love people well? Why do you think we sometimes forget that?**

*Ministry is not only about what we do, but it is about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we do it. In that light, the “what” may actually be the least important.*

**Discussion 4. Can you think of any failed ministry efforts that were the right thing but in the wrong way or at the wrong time or for the wrong reasons?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**