

### Discussion Questions for Luke 11:37-54

- As a group, try to remember some of the general points and illustrations of the sermon.
1. Carlos said that a hypocrite is the Greek word for an actor. One who plays someone else. He said that religion breeds hypocrisy.
    - a. How do we see that in this passage?
    - b. How can the present day Christian community hypocritical? How are we?
    - c. Why do we focus so much on the outside of the dish?
  2. Carlos said that we have to be rescued from hypocrisy. Grace is what can transform hypocrisy into love.
    - a. Jesus has the most compassion for the most broken. They don't think they are good enough. Why is this?
    - b. How do we let Jesus heal us from the inside out?
      - i. We have to recognize first that we are the outsiders who need God's mercy.
    - c. "In the cross I see myself for who I really am and I see Christ for who He really is." Discuss
  3. Is there integrity between who I am on the outside and who I am on the inside? What is a way we can tell? V42 gives a clue
    - a. Does it matter that we are right if we don't have mercy and justice?
    - b. The grace filled heart has the ability to love and live from the inside out.
    - c. When you compare your outside to your inside where do you need more of the Gospel?
    - d. Compassion means 'with suffering'. For whom do you feel compassion? Is your Christianity reaching beyond your church and yourself?