



The Jesus Gap

Week 3 - Servanthood

Discussion Guide

A big part of the Jesus gap comes down to trust. Many people doubted the religious leaders of the day. That same issue is prevalent today. There is a gap between the way religious people act and the way Jesus taught us to live. Many people are out to better themselves, but Jesus taught to put others first.

1. Who in your life can you always trust? What characteristics do they have that led to that trust?
2. **Read Matthew 23:1-12.** Jesus paints a picture of hypocrisy here. The religious leaders were holding people to standards they themselves weren't willing to live up to. Do you think this is still the case today?
3. One of the lessons we learned in the message is to "give up the top spot." Often, we try to be the one in charge and calling the shots. On an average day in your life, do you see more people trying to gain the top spot or give it up? What about yourself?
4. There is a perception that Christians think they have it all figured out and anyone who is not a Christian is a poor, lost soul. Jesus was clear that we need to realize that everyone is equal. How often do you see people pretend to have their lives together? How often do you see people be authentic about their situation? Which way would you say you lean toward?
5. Jesus went on to teach that we need to "be the servant of the room." This week, instead of trying to put yourself ahead of others, how can you become the servant in your situation and put the needs of others ahead of your own?
6. Final Thought: Jesus said, "But whoever would be great among you must be your servant..." Mark 20:26 (ESV). He also told His followers, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" John 13:35 (ESV). When we put others first, they will come to know the love of Christ.