



Dealing With Difficult People, Pt. 3: Hypocritical People

We've all know someone who is hypocritical, and, if we're being honest with ourselves, we all struggle with being hypocritical at times. Hypocrisy can sabotage our relationships with others, hold us hostage to the darkness of sin, and can be deadly to our spiritual life. But God wants more for us. He wants us to walk in authenticity and live in the light of his grace.

Bottom Line: Hypocrisy is deadly to the spiritual life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is one of your favorite actors or actresses? What is it about this person's acting abilities that you enjoy so much?
2. What are some examples of hypocrisy that you've seen?
3. Give examples of how have you been directly impacted by the hypocrisy of others.
4. **Read Matthew 7:3-5.** Where are you being hypocritical in your own life? Why is it important for us to remove hypocrisy of our own lives?
5. **Read 1 John 1:5-9.** Discuss why you think living in light is the key to true relational joy.
6. **Read Galatians 6:1-2, 9.** Discuss a time when you confronted someone who was being hypocritical. Was it difficult or easy? Why is it important that we confront hypocrites?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.