



### **Hypocrisy is the Act of Pretending**

*Then Jesus said to the crowds and to His disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.” (Matthew 23:1)*

#### **1. The Sadducees were born into a religious position.**

Woe to you if you are here only because it’s your family’s tradition.

#### **2. The Pharisees see their faith as intellectual knowledge and behavioral compliance.**

*“They honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me.” (Matthew 15:8)*

Woe to you if you are doing all these things that are good, but you’re not doing them out of love for me.

#### **3. The cure for acting is to confess your sins to God and to someone else.**

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:16)*

*A broken and contrite heart, God, you will not refuse. (Psalm 51:17)*

### **Want to Go Deeper?**

- Memorize James 5:16.
- In what areas do you pretend? What scripture could you memorize that would help?
- Who could hold you accountable? Is it time to join a LifeGroup?
- If you are ready to accept God’s invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!