

Matthew 23:1-12

1. What do you think about people in authority? What makes them good or bad? What about in church?
2. What issues with the religious leaders has Jesus challenged so far?

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3. What are Jesus' instructions in v.2-3?

4. What are the issues with the Pharisees and teachers of the law (v.4-7)?
5. How do they compare to what the leaders of God's people should be like? See Numbers 8:15-19 and Matthew 11:28-30
6. How do Jesus's instructions help to shape our attitude towards church leaders? What makes this difficult?
7. What is Jesus' instruction to the crowds and his disciples (v.8-12)?
8. Is Jesus abolishing all roles in the church here? What is His point?
9. How would Matthew's original readers be tempted to be like the religious leaders?
10. What are some of your motives in serving others? What about in church?
11. What are some ways we can grow in serving one another as a church?