

# — **UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM** | *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT*

## **WEEK 4- LEAVING THE STAGE**

**Luke 6:41-42**

1. HYPOCRISY ISN'T JUST PRETENDING TO BE SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT, IT'S HIDING WHO YOU REALLY ARE
2. THE REASON WE HIDE FROM OTHERS IS BECAUSE WE ARE HIDING FROM OURSELVES

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. How would you have you described a "hypocrite" before hearing Sunday's teaching? Did this week's teaching change your understanding of what it means to be a hypocrite?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that "Hypocrisy isn't just pretending to be something you're not, it's hiding who you really are." What do you think drives people to hide who they are? What things have motivated you to hide yourself from others throughout your life?
4. Two ways that we can try to hide who we are according to Luke 6:41-42 are 1) being overly critical of others and 2) being oversensitive to criticism from others. Which of these sound more like you?
5. Most of us want to be someone who can "remove the speck" out of someone else's eye and help bring real healing into someone else's life. But for that to be possible we have to acknowledge our own deep-rooted sinfulness and need for help (the log in our own eye). Has there been anything particular in your life that has helped you see and acknowledge the log in your eye?
6. We live in a culture of shame. The church should be a place where shaming stops because we should realize that it would have been so easy for Jesus to shame us but instead he took our shame for us. How can you personally work against all the shaming that goes on in our world?
7. The disciples were able to include all the ways they fell short in their eyewitness accounts because of the humble confidence that is found in the gospel. What are some of the things that the disciples shared about themselves that you probably wouldn't have included if you were writing about yourself? How does the gospel make us both profoundly humble and profoundly confident at the same time?
8. Last week we started a new church-wide serve opportunity called "Fill the Pantry" where we are partnering with the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. You can make a difference by picking up a few items off of the pantry shopping list (you can find that here: [severn.cc/fill-the-pantry](http://severn.cc/fill-the-pantry)) and dropping of your items on the front porch of our church building. Let's live generously!