



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Blinded by Hypocrisy”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. True discipleship, unto Christlikeness, begins with honest self-examination.
2. The true disciple judges himself before judging others.
3. The authentic disciple abides in Christ and produces increasing and abundant good fruit.
4. Obedience is the hallmark of genuine disciples and authentic faith.
5. The wise disciple builds for a storm-resistant life.

Key Verse:

“Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?”

— Luke 6:46

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is self-examination the starting point of true discipleship?

Jesus warns against seeing others’ faults while ignoring our own.

Questions: How do you typically respond when Scripture reveals something in your own heart that needs changing?

What practices help you let the Word “examine” you instead of using it only to examine others?

Further Reading: Psalm 139:23–24; 2 Corinthians 13:5

2. What are some subtle forms of hypocrisy we fall into today?

Hypocrisy can be blindness to our own sin while calling out sin in others.

Questions: What are modern-day examples—especially in Christian life or culture—where we tend to hold others to a higher standard than ourselves? How can we humbly confront personal blind spots with grace and truth?

Further Reading: Matthew 23:25–28

3. What does “fruit” reveal about our hearts?

Jesus says a tree is known by its fruit.

Questions: What kinds of “fruit” (attitudes, behaviors, responses) show up in your life when things are difficult?
How can you tell when fruit is Spirit-produced versus self-produced effort?

Further Reading: Galatians 5:16–26

4. Practical Application — How can we practice biblical self-confrontation this week?

Pastor Miles shared how discipleship includes intentionally confronting our own sin and attitudes.

Questions: What is one area where God is pruning or refining you right now?
What specific action (prayer, journaling, repentance, accountability) will you take this week to cooperate with Him?

Further Reading: James 1:22–25

5. What foundations are we building our lives on?

Jesus contrasts building on rock vs. sand.

Questions: What does it practically mean to “hear and do” Jesus’ words?
When has obedience to Jesus helped you stand firm in a difficult season?

Further Reading: Matthew 7:24–27

6. Practical Application — How can we support one another in fruit-bearing?

Pastor Miles emphasized community, accountability, and gentle encouragement.

Question: How can we lovingly help one another grow without becoming judgmental or harsh?
What does it look like for small-group community to help remove “specks” without ignoring our own “planks”?

Further Reading: Galatians 6:1–2; Hebrews 10:24–25

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.