



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Matthew 23:8-12**

Date: **January 30, 2022**

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. Compare and contrast what Jesus teaches in this passage with what Jesus has already said about the Pharisees in verses 1-7.
3. This passage teaches us that it's not for us to live for the praise and respect of others. We cannot seek to exalt ourselves in the church. How can we fight against such fleshly desires? What is the antidote to sinful inclinations like these?
4. Explain what Jesus is teaching in verse 8. What does he mean when he says that we have "one teacher"?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says we have "one Father"? How do verses 8-9 put in perspective how we ought to regard our spiritual leaders and forbears in the faith?
6. Several times Pastor Jacob said, "We are all equal before the foot of the cross." Explain what this means.
7. God has called us to serve one another. What does it mean that we are *servants*? How ought we to serve others?
8. How do verses 11-12 serve as both a warning and an encouragement to us?
9. Pastor Jacob closed by asking the question, "*Are you Christ's servant or your servant?*" What does a servant of self look like? What does a servant of Christ look like?