

# spend your life



## Sermon Discussion Guide

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

**Key Point: Spending our lives for others helps us experience joy.**

### Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. How has helping others brought joy to your life?
2. Why do you think joy is found when you give yourself to others?

### Transition / Open in prayer:

3. Describe a time a leader or teacher disappointed you. (Do not use names or share specific details.)

### Life Examination:

*READ Matthew 23:13-28*

4. Jesus has strong words for the religious leaders. Why is He so direct and critical of them?
5. What are some of His critiques about them?
6. How would you summarize the ways Jesus tells the religious leaders to live?

*READ Luke 6:37-42*

8. In verse 37 Jesus says our judgement, guilt, and forgiveness depends on how we treat others. How do you understand this verse when the Bible teaches that our forgiveness is a free gift from God?
9. Why is it important to choose our teachers carefully?
10. How does this passage connect to the Matthew 23 passage?

### Life Application:

11. Where are places people are tempted to pretend or play a part in their lives? (places where we are hypocritical?)
12. What are the gnats in your life? Things that feel like a big deal to you but are not that important from God's perspective.
13. How do you clean the inside of a life?
14. Where are you tempted to be judgmental in ways that minimize or belittle others?
15. This is a tough one: What is the plank in your eye?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another and name a person you will spend your time with this week.