Is it Live or is it Memorex?

Keeping it Real with God

1. Always (v. 17)

2. Don’t (vv. 18-19)

3. Continually (v. 20)
Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today’s message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church. For more information about groups at PCC that use these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 940-2600.

1. Transitioning from last week’s discussion about salt and light, Jesus now addresses the subtle deception of artificial religion that can creep into the church and the life of any believer. Inauthentic and legalistic behavior are the deathblows for any follower of Christ. Throughout the Gospel of Matthew we will see Jesus confronting this topic time and time again. What has been your experience in this area?

2. In Matthew 5:17, Jesus makes it very clear that He is not to be viewed as being in conflict with the Old Testament and its teachings. In fact, He states that His coming was to fulfill the Law (i.e. moral, judicial, ceremonial) and prophets. In what sense did Jesus fulfill each of these?

   What insight and warning do you see, knowing that it was only the religious community trying to get rid of Jesus? (Mark 3:1-6)

   In what subtle ways have you seen this occur and how can you prevent it?

3. In our study, Jesus makes a very strong statement about the inerrancy (error free) and immutability (changeless) nature of scripture (Mat. 5:18). We also see throughout the four gospel accounts, Jesus quoting the Old Testament over 60 times. Knowing the importance and authority that Jesus places on scripture, what is God showing you in your commitment to His word?

   How does a casual view of God’s word create a distance with the Lord? (John 15:9-11)

   What changes do you need to make to prevent selective obedience?

4. One of the most shocking statements Jesus has ever made is found in Mat. 5:20. He not only confronts the religious leaders directly but also sets the stage for the rest of His sermon. What did Jesus mean by “surpass”? (hint: external vs. internal)

   Based on our study, what is God showing you about this truth generally and specifically?

*Don’t forget to pray this month for the Spiritual Growth of PCC 😊

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PCC is reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week’s schedule. Don’t worry about catching up, just jump in.

**Sunday**
Deut 5-6 & Luke 3

**Monday**
Deut 7-8 & Luke 4

**Tuesday**
Deut 9-10 & Luke 5

**Wednesday**
Deut 11-12 & Luke 6

**Thursday**
Deut 13-14 & Luke 7

**Friday**
Deut 15-16 & Luke 8

**Saturday**
Deut 17-18 & Luke 9