

# THE HYPOCRISY HATER

MATTHEW 23

Warning Signs:

#1: \_\_\_\_\_

(Verses 4, 13-15)

#2: \_\_\_\_\_

(Verses 5-7)

#3: \_\_\_\_\_

(Verses 16-22)

#4: \_\_\_\_\_

(Verses 23-28)

#5: \_\_\_\_\_

(Verses 29-36)

## TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 23 from beginning to end. Do you think the video clip we saw on Sunday captured the right tone of Matthew 23? What emotions do you think Jesus felt most strongly on this occasion?
2. Read Matthew 23:8-10 again. How can you make sure Jesus is the teacher who exerts the most influence on your thinking and your lifestyle?
3. Of the five warning signs of a hypocritical leader that Jesus exposed, which one do you think today's spiritual leaders are most susceptible to? When and where have you seen it?
4. Which of the five symptoms of hypocrisy do you see in yourself? How can you rise above that unhealthy tendency?
5. Read Matthew 23:37-39 again. Do you think the health of the American church is going in the right direction? Why or why not? What can you do personally to make it healthier?