



# PHARISEE UNIVERSITY

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### VERSES:

Matthew 5:20  
Matthew 2:1-3  
Matthew 5:21  
Matthew 5:27  
Matthew 5:48  
Hebrews 10:14  
Philippians 3:4-7  
Romans 12:11  
2 Timothy 2:24-25  
Proverbs 6:16-19

### FUTURE EVENTS:

#### BAPTISMS

Next Sunday at 1pm  
Lunch will be a Salad  
& Cookie Bar!  
Bring salad toppings  
and cookies to share,  
Element will provide  
the rest!

#### GOSPEL COMMUNITY

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Matthew 5:20** “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

### INTRODUCTION

Today when we say, “Pharisee,” it usually conjures up all sorts of negative connotations. While those negative associations will mostly be what we cover in this series, I also want you to understand that the Pharisees, of all the religious orders at the time of the resurrection, were the ones who had the most members who ended up following and surrendering their lives to the risen Christ.

### DISCUSSION

**What do you think when you hear the word “Pharisee?”**

### EXPLANATION - Read Philippians 3:4-7

**If you wrote a pedigree for your life, what things would you boast about?**

**Are there any prideful areas in your life that you cling to for self-worth?**

**Where has your passion for Jesus gone bad?**

### APPLICATION – Read Matthew 5:20

**What words of Jesus humble you the most?**

**Where have you fallen into the trap of “do better?”**

**In what ways are you just like the Pharisees?**

### MISSION – Read Matthew 28:18-20

**How can people around you be better served by encouragement instead of judgement?**

**How does offering grace and speaking truth go hand in hand?**

**Talk about the ways in which you find it hard to speak the truth or to offer grace.**

