

LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

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Luke 11:37-53

Internal Warning Signs

- Our giving becomes more about appearances and less about love.
- We're more worried about what people think than what God thinks about us.
- Our spiritual life is more about what we project to others than what's actually happening inside of us.
- We want judgment for others but grace for ourselves.
- We viciously oppose anyone who disagrees with us.
- We build walls instead of bridges between people and Jesus.

Developing an Inside-Out Lifestyle

- Realize that only God has the power to change our hearts.
- We have to want the changes that Jesus can make inside of us.
- Recognize that sometimes we have not because we ask not.
- Inward change requires spiritual discipline.
- Lasting change requires outward actions.

- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.
- I'll pray daily this week for The Bridge to have God's guidance, unity, protection and power.
- I will apply, this week, at least one key idea from the "Developing an Inside-Out Lifestyle" section of the message notes.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions each week that can be used for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups choosing to meet for a portion of the summer break.

1. How important are appearances in our world today? How do people care more about what they look like than what they are on the inside?
2. **READ Luke 11:37-53.** According to Jesus, what did the Pharisees emphasize? What did they overlook?
3. What were the six specific reasons the Pharisees would experience “woe”? What woes do you think Jesus might add to this today?

4. Look over your notes from Sunday’s message in the section “Internal Warning Signs”. Which one do you most identify with as a struggle in your own life? Why?
5. Now look over the section in your notes called “Developing an Inside-Out Lifestyle.” What is one key idea you can apply to your life this week? How will you do that?
6. What person can you tell about your struggle and commitment to pursue change this week who can pray for you and help hold you accountable?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.