



### Questions:

1. Steve suggests that a historic missional shift is underway that challenges our ideas of how we might participate in the work of God in the world. How might our entrenched ideas sometimes get in the way? How did similar ways of thinking play out among religious leaders in Jesus's day?
2. What stood out for you from Matthew 23:1-4, 13-15, and 23-28?
3. If we are to walk fully in the path of Jesus, what might we be asked to leave behind? Who will hold us accountable?
4. Jesus was able to have meaningful conversations with Pharisees with whom he strongly disagreed. What can we learn from that example? Who might we reach out to?

### EPISODE TITLE:

“Cheating Priests and Lawyers (Who Jesus Loved)”

Hookers, Looters and Cheats, Episode 6

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### Pneuma Divina Scripture: Matthew 23:1-4, 13-15, and 23-28

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>24</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; <sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

13 ‘But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them. <sup>15</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

23 ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practised without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup>You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

25 ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup>You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean.

27 ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. <sup>28</sup>So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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