

QUESTIONS THAT MATTER.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 23:1-36

1. **BELONG** – This section isn't a filler but an intentional time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connection.
 - A. Take a minute to check in with your group members. How can you be praying for one another in the coming weeks?
 - B. What's the strongest warning you've ever received in your life? How did you handle it emotionally?

2. **DISCOVER** – Read Matthew 23:1-36 together and discuss the questions. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue, not a monologue. Being a Life Group leader doesn't mean you have to be a subject matter expert on the Bible. It simply means that you are the lead learner. This section is all about discovering the Word together.
 - A. What phrase do you see repeated often in this section of scripture?
 - B. What are some of the charges that Jesus makes against the Pharisees and teachers of the law?
 - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
 - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
 - E. How would you summarize the primary theme of this section of Scripture to someone who hasn't read it before?

3. **GO** – Take time to apply the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, they won't experience transformation. This section is about self-reflection and helping one another be accountable to live out what we're learning.
 - A. Where does Jesus catch your attention in this passage?
 - B. What's the eternal truth about God that you need to apply?
 - C. How can you make it easier for those around you to grow spiritually? What does it look like for you to share difficult truths in loving ways?
 - D. What "camels" are easy for you to swallow (verse 24)?

4. **PRAYER** – Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time with outward focused prayer.
 - A. Ask God for clarity in how you and your group ought to respond to this message.
 - B. Petition the Lord for boldness and grace to share the difficult realities of life apart from God with those who are close to us.