

## Making it Personal

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1. What can you do to prevent spiritual abuse from happening in the church?

2. How does the life and ministry of Jesus affect your perception of God?

3. How do you see yourself—do you think about yourself in ways that are possibly the result of spiritual abuse?



## Broken Faith: From Abuse to Abundance

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### Seeing Clearly

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### *Coming Next Week—Broken Faith - Part 2*

There exists an ongoing battle inside each of us. Somewhere between the darkness pulling us back and the light calling us forward, we wrestle with a distorted view of God



(Ephesians 5:8-10)

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Sermon Notes  
Part 1—Matthew 23:1-12; 28-30



# Life Group Study Notes

## This Week's Message - February 25, 2018

Jesus had harsh words for the religious leaders of his day. What made him so angry and what can we learn about the nature of destructive spiritual abuse?

### Study - Discover What the Bible Says



1. What was the one major takeaway or lesson for you from last week's study?

2. Contrast the way Jesus talked to the Pharisees with the way he talked to an outsider and "sinner" in **John 4:4-26**. What can this teach us about how to communicate the gospel?

3. Read **James 3:13-18**. What does it mean to "understand God's ways"?

4. What were three things that Jesus revealed about His gospel?

A.

B.

C.

5. Read **Colossian 2:6-23**. What are some rules and traditions that are expected of us (or we expect of others) that might mimic the spiritual abuse of the Pharisees?

6. What were the 4 lessons from Jesus' confrontation with the Pharisees?

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7. Read **Matthew 11:28-30**. Why does it often feel as though these words aren't true?

8. Is there any other comments or lessons from the message you want to discuss?