

Lenten Series: HOPE!
Part 4 - Hope in the Face of Hypocrisy
Matthew 23:1-28

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Mission: Knowing Jesus & Making Him Known

Vision: To create places of belonging where people can discover Jesus and be equipped to follow Him together.

Values: Grounded in the Bible, Guided by the Spirit, Growing in Prayer



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Have you ever heard somebody snort, "He's as phoney as a three-dollar bill."

(It's not a complement!)

That's exactly what Jesus thought when he saw the Pharisees: "Woe to you...Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs...on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness" (Matthew 23:27-28).

Hope in the Face of Hypocrisy is our theme today. And while it is surely another of the sins we'd prefer to hurry past on our way to Easter, it does us good to ponder the potential or presence of hypocrisy in our lives.

Ponder the word, hypocrite. The Greek word means an actor or stage player who goes on stage with a mask. Over time the word came to mean someone pretending to be someone they were not. The Pharisees, Jesus said, wanted to look good outwardly, yet inside they were full of wickedness. They were actors. Or hypocrites.

Which concerns you more? Your image, or your integrity? How you look, or your actions? Your charisma, or your character? Do you find in yourself a tendency to maximize the sins of others while minimizing your own?

Masquerading won't do. The scriptures call us to be 'without hypocrisy'. James writes (3:17), "*The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.*"

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Pastor Search Update and Call to Prayer.

The KGF Board moved this past Monday to begin a search process for a KGF Lead Pastor. The Board is now in the process of appointing a Pastor Search Team whose task it will be to identify for the Board a suitable candidate.

Please pray that the Spirit of the Lord would assemble the right pastor search team to guide our discernment. Prayer updates can also be found at [Lead Pastor Search page a www.kgfchurch.com](http://www.kgfchurch.com).



Week at a Glance

- Tues., Apr 1: 7 am **Men of KGF Prayer** - Men, come join us in prayer
- Wed. Apr 3: 7 pm **Converse:** Fireside room
- Thurs. Apr 4: 10 am **Women at Prayer** - Women, come join us in prayer
9 am **Maker's Morning** - Join us as we craft and create in each other's company. Everyone welcome including the kids. Coffee included, of course.
7 pm **Impact (60+) Insight into Stephen Ministry** - 7 pm. Inspirational Testimonies with coffee, tea & Spring Cupcakes provided. Invite a friend. If you need a ride or more info phone Val at 250.764.2114
- Fri, Apr.5: 7 pm **Primetime Games Night** - Bring your favorites

Coming Soon

- April 10: **Volunteer Training Evening** - 6:30 pm. Kid's Min and Front Lines social and training update night . If you are involved, we want you here. This will involve some changes that make our church safer for everyone.
- April 11: **Community Potluck Dinner** - 5:30 pm Join the fellowship and fun. RSVP refugee@kgfchurch.com
- May 3 - 5: **Women's Retreat** - Registration is now open for this Gardom Lake Bible Camp event. Go online to register today.
- May 11: **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** - Watch for sign up soon for this great event. Will you visit or host?

Hope! Journey Ahead!

- April 7: "Hope in the Face of *Lust*" with Pastor Marcus
- April 14: **PALM SUNDAY** - Celebration with Steve Perry (KGF member)
- April 19: **GOOD FRIDAY** - Devastation Family Friendly 7 pm service
- April 21: **EASTER SUNDAY** - Resurrection 9 am and 10:45. Come early for paska treats or late for Soup Lunch starting at 11:30 am

For detailed info on all events go to www.kgfchurch.com
or visit the Starting Point desk in the Lobby