



## The Weightier Matters of the Law: The Church and the City

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Matthew 23:23-24 pg. 829

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1) True piety (religious fervor) focuses on the "weightier things of the law" namely seeking justice and mercy.

2) Jesus shows the church that our mission has always been connected to loving our neighbor and fighting for justice.

Creation → Fall → Redemption → Re-Creation

### Application

1) A constant, cultural threat to following Jesus obediently into social action (*aid, development, reform*) is "political mudslinging."

2) As Hope church grows in mission, we want to grow in our love for the city. *Hope Cares* is designed to help us, both individually and corporately, love our neighbor and our city.

**Sunday Text Questions for Matthew 23:23-24**

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- 1) What are the “weightier things of God’s Law?”
- 2) Why does Jesus rebuke the Pharisees?
- 3) Who is your neighbor? Where is there need in your community?
- 4) What are some ways you can pursue justice and love neighbor individually?
- 5) What are some ways Hope church can pursue justice and love neighbor corporately?

**Further study this week:** Amos 2:6-16 (Mon); Isaiah 60 (Tues); Luke 4:14-30 (Wed); Luke 10:25-37 (Thurs); James 1:19-27 (Fri).