

## TWO ENEMIES OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16.1-12

### THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY FRIEND

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The Pharisees and Sadducees were both Jewish religious leaders of their day, but they had their differences. The Pharisees were more middle class and ruled among the people, and they were very legalistic, imposing their own tradition in addition to the Scriptures. The Sadducees were upper class, wealthy aristocrats, politically driven, and lived more self-indulgent lifestyles. They didn't believe in the spirit-realm (angels and demons) and also didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead.

But here, they have a common enemy in Jesus, so they join forces. Jesus here warns the disciples not to "eat" their teaching, because it spreads throughout ourselves.

### UN-IDENTICAL TWINS FROM THE SAME WOMB

**Legalism:** the view that we can put God in our debt and procure His blessing with our goodness. Could also call this "self-righteousness" or "outer religion."

**Antinomianism:** the idea that we can relate to God without obeying His Word and commands. Could also call this "lawlessness" or "licentiousness."

**BOTH** of these words are derived from the Latin and Greek words for "law."

**BOTH** function as a person's own idolatrous personal saviors.

The core "teaching" that both share is that Jesus is not the Son of God. Jesus, therefore, cannot satisfy. Jesus is not sufficient. We need more because Jesus has not proven to be enough. The legalist sees Jesus as insufficient for their acceptance, so they work and trust in their own goodness. The antinomian sees Jesus as insufficient to provide joy, so they indulge apart from Christ.

### THE ONLY BREAD THAT SATISFIES

The solution for the legalist is not to get them to be more lawless; the solution for the lawless is not to get them to be more legalistic. The only solution that changes us is beholding and drinking deeply of the beautiful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**If you are lawless, you need to realize the cross was done BY you.**

**If you are a legalist, you need to realize the cross was done FOR you.**

**If you've been starving yourself with the stale bread of legalism, or you've been indulging yourself with the moldy bread of lawlessness, it's time to confess, repent, and enjoy the satisfying Bread of Life.**



## NOTES:

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com).



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 16:1-12**. What stuck out to you the most in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

In these verses, what is blinding the Pharisees from seeing the sign? What is blinding the Sadducees? What is blinding the disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus uses the word "leaven" to describe teaching that spreads in us. Who's making your "bread"? Who's feeding you? Reality is it's never just one source. Is it culture, books or movies you watch, your past, legalism? \_\_\_\_\_

Two Enemies of the Gospel: Legalism and Lawlessness. Who can you relate to more, the legalistic, rule-keeping, "performance-based" self-glory seeking, middle class Pharisees? Or the self-indulging, lawless, "God will forgive me anyway" worldly Sadducees? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Romans 1:18-25**. The sin of Legalism and the sin of Lawlessness both actually have the same sin root: a belief in the lie that the true God does not satisfy, and therefore does not want (or can't give) ultimate joy for us. John Piper says, "If we don't feel strong desires for the glory of God, it is not because we have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It's because we have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Our soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great." If God is not satisfying you lately, then what other bread have you been nibbling from? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Philippians 3:8-11**. On Sunday, Jobey said "If you are lawless, you need to realize the cross was done BY you. If you are legalistic, you need to realize the cross was done FOR you." Where are you at today? Are you taking advantage of God's grace and abusing it? Are you neglecting the work of the cross? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Hebrews 12:1-2** and **Psalms 16:8-11** (notice in the Psalm God's desire for our ultimate joy). How can we be constantly be growing in our hunger and desire for God's glory in our lives? How will the "other bread" look unappetizing and Jesus look satisfying? \_\_\_\_\_

Pray using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. First Preach the Gospel into your heart and mind. Spend time before the Lord confessing any sin, then Repent of any sin. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you remember these great Gospel truths throughout your week. Then give Thanks to Him for being able to be the Bread that satisfies.



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