

Questions for Discussion and Interaction

1. “What about all the hypocrites?” Is this a reason to avoid Christianity or an excuse? Defend your answer.
2. When discussing “hypocrisy” it is important to establish that everyone in the discussion is using the same definition. How do you define hypocrisy and why do you use this definition?
3. How was the term “hypocrite” used in ancient Greece? How is the term typically used in our own culture?
4. Should the terms “hypocrite” and “sinner” be used interchangeably? Why or why not? Defend your answer.
5. For whom did Jesus save His harshest condemnation? But who found compassion from Jesus? How does this affect the previous question?
6. What is the problem with attempts to refute charges of hypocrisy against the church and Christianity in general?
7. Give an example of hypocrisy in the Bible.
8. Is NHCC free from just accusations of hypocrisy in its membership?
9. Is your preacher perfect? What does this say about hypocrisy in your church?
10. Why should we assume that the world is watching us? Is it fair that Jesus and the church are judged by the behavior of half-committed Christians?
11. Why is it wise for a disciple of Jesus Christ to be candid about imperfection and struggles?
12. We should always POINT PEOPLE TO JESUS. How does this truth relate to a discussion of hypocrisy in the church?