



## Undercover Boss: How Jesus Responded to The Pharisees

### A. Who the Pharisees Were

1. Historical Background: centuries of captivity lead a group of Jewish leaders to pursue God with a T\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ to obey His laws – to find His blessing and avoid His judgments.
2. Two Types of Pharisees
  - The School of Shammai – they S\_\_\_\_\_ observed the Mosaic and Rabbinical Laws
  - The School of Hillel – they L\_\_\_\_\_ followed the Mosaic and Rabbinical Laws
3. How they were viewed by the Jewish people
  - The ultimate E\_\_\_\_\_ - A Feared A\_\_\_\_\_ - Lacking in S\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

### B. What the Pharisees Did

1. As the Spiritual Shepherds of Israel – they had to checkout who Jesus was
2. They became weary of Jesus and His P\_\_\_\_\_
3. They chose to O\_\_\_\_\_ Him.
4. They knew He was the Messiah – and still killed Him
  - Matthew 21:33-46 The parable of the Tenants

### C. How Jesus Responded to the Pharisees

1. He received them and answered their questions
2. He continued to respond to them with truth but saying it in ways they would need to pursue Him to understand.
  - **The sign of the Prophet Jonah**
3. He loved them by calling them out in very clear but hard words - Matthew 23 “the Woes”
  - *What did Jesus call out the Pharisees about?*
  - *Was this loving?*
4. He loved them by seeing them and treating them as individuals

### D. How this relates to us today

1. We ARE Pharisees – because we \_\_\_\_\_
2. We need to Reject our Pharisaical Ways! *Our pride, Hypocrisy, Self-righteousness*
3. We need to pursue the Lord and truth in all the things we face
4. We need to hear hard things from God and those He sends to speak to us