

# Not a fan

## Lesson 5: More than Rules

### Opening Prayer

Introductions      Anyone tackle something they were procrastinating doing? How did it go?

Watch Lesson 5: More than Rule (DVD title: "Dead Men's Bones) (Space for notes)

### Discuss:

1. How can someone end up like Bill, knowing so much about the Bible yet having so little of the love and grace of Jesus? Do you know someone like Bill? What affect did they have on you?
2. Read I Timothy 5:8; Luke 12:48; and I Corinthians 15:33. Bill quotes these verses accurately but something seems wrong with how he uses them. What is it?
3. Read Matthew 23:1-12. How are disciples of Jesus to act in contrast to how the Pharisees acted? Do we have modern day Pharisees? What do they say and what do they do in response to "sinners?"
4. Read out loud what is traditionally referred to as the "Seven Woes" Jesus declared concerning the religious leaders. Identify what the religious leaders did right and what they did wrong. Apply them to our lives today.

### Discuss the Sermon

1. What stood out to you?
2. Why does God give us rules to live by? Share how God's Word functioned in your life to protect you and send you down a path that was life-enhancing.

3. What misuses or abuses of the rules have you seen? What harm do they bring to our faith/the Church?
4. Describe your family in terms of the rules. Were there too many, not enough or just right? Were they fair or unfair? Did they change over time as you matured or did they remain fixed? What affect did your parent's rules and their enforcement have on your life?
5. Why keep the rules if breaking them won't send us to hell?
6. Does seeing rule keeping as being an expression of love for Jesus change how you view the rules?

Close by praying for the needs in the group.