

# Morning Lesson

## THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS

**Matt. 23:23, 24**

### INTRO:

1. We tend to forget the matter of the heart.
2. The heart is critical. **Matt. 15:10-20**
3. Jesus cared about people. **Luke 7:11-15**
4. Jesus gives us insight into his heart and what our hearts should be.

### I. THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN. **John 8:2-11**

- A. This woman was guilty. **v. 4**
- B. The motives of those who brought her to Jesus were no doubt questionable. **Lev. 20:10; Heb. 13:4**
- C. There is no record an apology or showing remorse.
- D. What did our savior say to her? **vs. 10, 11**
- E. Her repentance would be shown by her future actions.

### II. THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. **John 4:5-26, 39-42**

- A. There is no record of Jesus condemning her.
- B. He taught her and offered her hope. **vs. 19-26**
- C. What was the result? **vs. 28-30, 39-42**

### III. JESUS ON THE CROSS. **Luke 23:34**

- A. These were people that had hit him, spit on him, and mocked him. **Mark 15:16-20; John 19:35-39; Mark 15:29-32; Matt. 27:38-44**
- B. They did not one time even come close to asking for forgiveness, but he offered it anyway.
- C. Nearly two months later a number of them did ask for it and they received it when they obeyed his will.  
**Acts 2:36-41**

### CONC:

1. We are to imitate Christ. **1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Pet. 2:21**
2. Jesus knew that the heart of the matter is the matter of the heart.
3. He came, among other things, to show us what God is like. **John 14:7-9**
4. We need to look into the heart of God and learn what our hearts should look like.
5. Jesus offered forgiveness and hope.
6. It isn't at all easy, but we do not want to be told that we have done the outward things, but have forgotten the weightier matters of justice, mercy, and faith.