

1. The Pharisees were known as “the separated ones.” Obviously they were not Christian, but is it fair to characterize the Pharisees Jesus encountered as “worldly”? How do the following verses support a “yes” answer:
 - a. Mt. 23:2-8, 15.
 - b. Mt. 23:25-28.
 - c. Jn. 8:23, 42-44, 47.
2. How do the following verses support a “no” answer to the question whether the Pharisees can be fairly characterized as “worldly”?
 - a. Jn. 3:1-10.
 - b. Jn. 19:38-40.
 - c. Phil. 3:5b-6.
3. Read Lk. 14:1-14. What was the setting for this social event involving Jesus and some Pharisees? What were some of the differences in the social status of Jesus and the Pharisees? (In other words, what things considered important by the world did the Pharisees have but Jesus did not have?)
4. Since Jesus was obviously so different from the other guests, why do you think the host Pharisee invited him as a guest? Was he just being charitable to a poor traveling rabbi with no congregation of his own? Or was it something about Jesus that made the Pharisee want to invite him to his Sabbath dinner? If so, what was it?
5. Why did Jesus seemingly go out of his way to criticize and correct both the host and his guests? Is that the way we should act when we are invited to the home of someone with a worldly lifestyle? Why or why not?