



Go Deep

\$#!+ You Can't Say In Church

Cussing

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Were there any words that you were taught that were off-limits when you were growing up that you now feel comfortable using regularly?

Why do you think certain groups of people think certain language is ok in some spaces but not ok in others?

Read Matthew 15:1-3

The teachers of the day were upset that the followers didn't follow "unwritten rules." Were there any unwritten rules that you were raised with? What happened when you didn't follow those?

Dr. Hare says that prioritizing certain rules over love is hypocritical because **"it professes allegiance to God's law while disregarding God's will."** What do you think of this?

Do you think it matters what we say or just how we say it?

Read this verse from Matthew 15 - **Out of the mind come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual sins, stealing, lying, and speaking evil of others.**

Chris said that the common theme through all of them is that they exert dominance. Can you see any other similarities or differences between them?

What do you think it means to "tell people like you love them"?

If you're comfortable, maybe spend a few minutes just thinking about this phrase **"Blessed is the congregation whose members treat different opinions and different practices with respect and abstain from verbal attacks."** What are some ways that each of us can do this better?