

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for October 25, 2020:  
*A Terrible Choice*



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with your  
CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- What will Halloween look like for your family this year?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. 3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.*

*23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. 24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.*

*25 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.*

**Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- How does Jesus walk the line of supporting traditional Jewish faith while also challenging it?
- In your own words, what is Jesus’ accusation against the religious leaders of his day? How might we in Christian church be guilty of the same thing today?
- When have you had to speak truth to power?
- When is the last time you have had a substantive conversation with a person who is atheist or agnostic? How would you walk the line of speaking truth while maintaining your connection?

- **SERVE** *others*

In this season of political polarization, choose someone in your life who is politically opposite of you. Write down three things you appreciate about that person. Then write them a note of encouragement and appreciation.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**