



WEEK #3: THE RELIGIOUS DESPERADO

INTRODUCTION

When someone you care about just can't seem to stop making bad choices, the day-to-day can be a grind, especially when it's someone you rely on. Seeing the mistakes and watching the heartbreak, day in and day out, will take a toll on a person after a while. We know desperados can come to their senses, but how do we navigate daily life with wisdom in the meantime?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever met someone who didn't represent God well? If so, how did it impact your view of God?
2. The self-confidence of a religious desperado comes from the belief that they are better than others. Have you ever had this kind of mindset? What can we do to prevent ourselves from this way of thinking?
3. To a religious desperado, life becomes a competition for spiritual superiority. Are you a competitive person? Have you ever been competitive when it comes to your spirituality?
4. Image is what matters most to a religious desperado. Have you ever worried about your "image" to the point of disguising who you really are? In other words, who really knows you? Are you authentic with your small group?
5. Pastor Jonathan shared three things we can do to protect ourselves from becoming a religious desperado. Which of the following is an area you need to grow?
 - a. Be real; start by being honest with God, with yourself, and with others.
 - b. Be humble; you're not in a competition with others.
 - c. Be confident in Christ.
6. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE & QUOTES

Proverbs 1:7 / Psalm 14:1 / Romans 1:21-22 / Luke 12:1, 18:9-14 / Matthew 23:3-28 / Philippians 3:7-11 / John 3:3-6, 3:16.

Desperado: A person who is stubbornly choosing a path that hurts themselves and others.