

Big Idea: Jesus is not a fan of those who will not follow him with fanatic obedience.

What teams are you a fan of? Who are your team's rivals? Under what conditions would you cheer for the rival's success? Ever?

#### 1) Jesus is not a fan of a mouth without praise. (1-11)

List as many forms of praise as you can. What forms of praise do you do most often? What forms of praise might bring freshness to your worship?

Read v.3. Does it amaze you that Jesus often uses what belongs to us to do his work? Do you have something that the Lord "needs"? Are you willing to give it?

#### 2) Jesus is not a fan of church without prayer. (12-17)

Too often the work of the Lord can crowd out the Lord of the work. How do you think the place of worship had gradually deteriorated into a place of commerce?

What crowds out prayer in your life?

Do you pray before, during, and after the worship service at Harvest? How can you contribute to our church being called "a house of prayer"?

## 3) Jesus is not a fan of appearance without proof. (18-22)

We all have areas of our lives that give the external appearance of godliness but lack evidence under close examination. What appearances do you try to maintain that lack proof?

What are the proofs of spiritual life? Do you have them?

## 4) Jesus is not a fan of exposure without repentance. (23-27)

The more exposure to truth we have the more responsibility we have to repent. Has your exposure to preaching and truth made you numb to repentance?

Have you made up your mind about the Lordship of Christ?

Are you delaying your obedience in any area that God has clearly given you his direction?

### 5) Jesus is not a fan of intention without obedience. (28-32)

What have you told God you would do that you have not yet done?

Are you one who has said "no" to God at an earlier season but are now responding in obedience by his gracious patience toward you?



# **Additional Scripture**

James 3:1 James 2:22-27 Romans 10:17 Psalm 150 Psalm 8 John 3:27-32 Matthew 7:21-27 Matthew 6:5-16 Romans 8:26-27 John 15:7