

It's a Match! – Lining up your life with your faith

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Jeremiah 7 | Return to Me

- **Match your moral behavior with your religious devotion**
- **Match your inward heart with your outward actions**
- **Match your private life with your public worship**

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

Meditate on Jeremiah 7:4-8, Amos 5:21-24, Mark 7:6-8, Matthew 23:25-28, Psalm 24:3-4, Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Listen to “No One Else (Tear Down the Idols)” – bit.ly/NoOneElse1

Listen to “Song of Repentance” – bit.ly/Songofrepentance

Listen to “Give us Clean Hands” – bit.ly/GiveusCleanHands

Listen to “One Pure and Holy Passion” – bit.ly/OnePureandHoly

Listen to the playlist of songs for the “Return to Me” series – bit.ly/ReturnToMeSongs

Read this devotional on religious hypocrisy – bit.ly/ReligiousHypocrisy

Check out this great resource on family worship – bit.ly/FamilyWorship1

Read *Family Worship* by Donald S. Whitney

Read *Counterfeit Gods* by Tim Keller

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Take some time and read Jeremiah 7 together. What do you observe about the Lord in this chapter? What do you observe about our own hearts?
3. Have you ever been confused by the “mismatch” of religious hypocrisy? How did this affect your faith and/or life?
4. Read Mark 7:6-13. What were the Pharisees doing that Jesus needed to correct? How can we be on guard against what Jesus is warning them about?
5. What are some specific ways we can cultivate our hearts to love the Lord more fully in order to make sure our actions match our hearts?
6. In your own words, explain some of the problems that could occur for someone who worships the Lord in church but lives differently at home?
7. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What do you observe about God’s design here for worship in homes?
8. Share some ways you have worshipped the Lord in your home, either individually or with family. What spiritual rhythms have worked for you? What resources have you used? If you have never done this, what ideas might you have?
9. Read Matthew 11:28-30. In leading our families at home, how can we guard against spiritual times feeling too heavy or burdensome on children?
10. Are there any sins you need to repent of or decisions you need to make before the Lord today? Share with one another and pray for each other!

