Talk it over…with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- Why do you think that people sometimes "can't see the forest for the trees?"
- Which is more important—the transformation of our hearts or the transformation of our actions? How are they related to each other?
- How has God worked in your life to transform you from the inside out? What has helped that transformation happen? What has hindered that transformation?
- Traditions can be great and helpful as long as they don't lead us to miss the point. What kinds of traditions have helped you grow in your relationship with God?
- Read the rest of the story. In the verses immediately following the passage we covered today (vv.45-53), Jesus criticizes another group, the Teachers of the Law. What specifically does He criticize them for? What personal application can you make from this passage?
- How did you encounter God today? Why do you think you were here? What do you need to do with what you experienced or heard?