

# WEEK 5 - DEAD MEN'S BONES

## Watch

Watch Lesson 5: Dead Men's Bones (25:05 minutes)

## Story Content

1. What stood out to you from the short film?
2. How can someone end up like Bill, knowing so much of the Bible yet so little of the grace and love of Jesus?
3. How can someone like Bill believe they are right to be so hard and judgmental?
4. What is the best way to reach out to someone like Bill?

## Going Deeper

Bill quotes some verses from the Bible accurately.

"If anyone doesn't provide for his own family he is worse than an unbeliever" comes from 1 Timothy 5:8

"To whom much is given, much is required" – Luke 12:48;

"Bad company corrupts good character" - 1 Corinthians 15:33.

Yet something seems wrong about the way he uses these passages? What is it?

Kyle bases much of what he says in this episode on Jesus' words in Matthew 23. Turn there and read it.

Please note that in verses 1-12, Jesus is not talking to the Pharisees, but to his disciples and other listeners.

Read that section and consider why Jesus tells his followers these things. What is his purpose?

Read aloud what are traditionally called "the seven woes" in vv. 15-32. These teachers are doing many things right, so as you look again at what Jesus says, why is He so hacked at them?

## Personal Challenge

1. Jesus displayed anger towards the Pharisees in the passage we read. Eric blew up at his dad for his dad's conclusion that his sister Kim's miscarriage was due to her sin.
  - a. Is it ever okay for a follower of Jesus to be mad at self-righteous people?
  - b. If you were a total follower of Jesus, would you have more anger or less?
2. Why do people settle for religion? Why is it easier to follow rules rather than follow Jesus?
3. What would you say is at the core of Christianity – traditions, rules, a relationship with Jesus or something else?
4. What is at the core of your personal faith - traditions, rules, a relationship with Jesus or something else?