



Date: August 30, 2026

Sermon Title: A True Celebrity

Sermon Notes:

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Main Idea: God is impressed with heart faith rather than public-image faith.

Breaking the Ice

- Share a time when you had a near-to-a-celebrity experience.

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Luke 20:45–21:4
- What four things do the scribes seek in Luke 20:46 and what do they have in common?
- How does the episode with the widow in Luke 21:1–4 create a contrast with Luke 20:47, thereby increasing Jesus' warning?

Applying the Truth Personally

- Where do I find myself more concerned with my public-image faith over my heart faith?
- What do I need to add to my life to help my heart faith grow?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- What can we do to resist or minimize the celebrity appeal promoted in our culture within our church?
- How can we help each other balance giving proper honor where it is due with improper honor that promotes pride?

Digging Deeper

- Read Matthew 23. Why would Matthew dedicate an entire chapter to Jesus' warning about the scribes whereas Luke covers the same topic in three verses (20:45–47)?
- Jesus gives a list of what makes the scribes unworthy of following in Luke 20:46. Develop a list (with scriptural references to support) of things that make a religious leader worthy of following.

Looking Ahead

- Read Luke 21:5–38 daily.