

## Questions for Reflection & Discussion

Drawn from “Beware of the Scribes,” A Sermon on Mark 12:38-40

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1. Answer the following question Pastor Nicoletti asked in the sermon, “Have you ever had someone do something nice for you- something kind and loving...but they did it in such a way that you could tell- you knew- that they weren’t primarily doing it to care for you...they were doing it first and foremost so others would see them do it?”
2. Look again at verses 38 and 39. In these verses Pastor Nicoletti pointed out that the ESV’s translation is somewhat misleading, since “like” and “have” both come from the Greek word for “desire.” What difference does it make to know this?
3. A visitor to our church walks up to you with an open Bible, pointing to Mark 12:38, and says, “Why do your pastors wear robes when preaching and leading worship? After all, Jesus condemned the scribes for wearing long robes. Besides, it’s weird.” How do you respond?
4. In our culture, “not caring what other people think” is often touted as a virtue. Compare and contrast this popular sentiment with the ethic Jesus is teaching here in Mark 12:38-40.

