

Sermon on the Mount



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THE WAY OF JESUS IS WAY BETTER THAN ANY OTHER WAY (MATTHEW 7:7-14)

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ICEBREAKER



IF YOU GO OUT TO EAT, OR PREPARE FOOD AT HOME, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FAST FOOD RESTAURANT OR MEAL TO MAKE?

I. THE LORD IS AVAILABLE TO US AND WILLING (V.7-11)

- Share a time when you've heard from God after asking, seeking, & knocking (even if the answer was not what you wanted). How did you react to the answer?
- As a culture we tend to encourage pride, control, and self-reliance, and we often think things are too small for God. Which of these do you think keeps you from bringing your needs to God first?
- What is something you are pursuing God for right now that we can add to our prayer list?

II. THE GOLDEN RULE IS STILL A GOLDEN RULE (V.12)

- Think about your daily relationships (work, family, friends, online, etc.). Where is God challenging you to respond with the Golden Rule?
- Pastor Mike asked, "could we 'Do unto Jesus the way we would have Him do unto us?'" (being a blessing to Him AND His people). What steps can you take to do this better?

III. ALWAYS DO THE HARD, RIGHT THING! (V.13-14)

- As you walk with Jesus on the narrow road, what has been the hardest part of the journey?
- Pastor Mike says "Your friends may not follow your decision, and you may walk that path with the Lord alone! Walk it anyway!" How does this resonate with you, and what keeps you choosing the "hard, right thing"?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

It's the kindness of God to make difficult things easy. Yes, the way is narrow and few will find it. Yes, we will face difficulty along the way... but God made the steps simple — ask, seek, & knock... and you WILL find!

Just think about God's grace, mercy, and faithful love toward us, as we repent & stand humbly before Him. Despite our shortcomings, we GET TO express the love of Christ. Let us apply the Golden Rule in our lives, by the power of His Holy Spirit!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalms 136:1)



ASK

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Galations 5:14)

Think about moments in your life where you've struggled to follow the golden rule (with family, friends, coworkers, etc.). As you reflect on this, pray and seek God to help you form a new heart posture around these areas of your life.



CHALLENGE

We are anchoring our heart in God's peace when we decide to ask, seek, and knock first

This week, choose to pause & reflect Christ before anything else. Let God be the god of your heart AND your actions, as you continue on the path of righteousness.

PRAYER

Use these prompts to help guide your prayer:

- Ask God to help us live in His way
- Ask deeper desire to pursue God constantly
- Ask him to help you depend on him instead of your self and trust he is a good father who is available and willing to hear you
- Ask God to show you where your attitude or actions towards others need to change