



Text: Matthew 5-7

Topic: Discipleship, Kingdom, Transformation

Big Idea of the Message: To follow Jesus means to live with radical abandonment for his glory, to lay down and leave behind all things in order to live for the King, with joyful dependence on his grace, faithful adherence to his person, total trust in his authority, and to live with urgent obedience to his mission.

Application Point: We must consider the cost to follow Jesus, as well as the cost to not follow Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How is the Sermon on the Mount different from a simple code of ethics?
3. Explain what Jesus means when He says our righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees.
4. As a believer, does the Sermon on the Mount ever sound too daunting? How should the work of the Spirit and the truths of the gospel shape your thinking?
5. We cannot see anyone's heart, but are there indications that someone is or is not a citizen of Christ's kingdom?
6. In what areas of your life are you failing to manifest a righteousness that differs from the world?