

TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Kingdom Citizens – Part 1 (Matthew 5)

Matthew puts this Sermon up front as it is the centerpiece of Jesus's ministry, it is the heart of the Kingdom of Heaven. Over the next 3 weeks, we will examine the Gospel of the Kingdom (Mt 4:23) and how it provides a microcosm of the entire book of Matthew in describing Kingdom Citizens.

Paul Earnhart made this comment regarding the Sermon on the Mount, "It is safe to say that the Sermon on the Mount is the best known, arguably least understood and absolutely least practiced of all the teachings of Jesus."

Text: Matthew 5

Overview of Matthew 5:

1. Kingdom Citizens are Different than the World
2. Kingdom Citizens find Purpose in Reflecting Jesus
3. Kingdom Citizens embrace Righteousness from the Heart

The B's of the Sermon on the Mount:

- Be Different (5:1-12)
 - Be Influential (5:13-16)
 - Be Righteous (5:17-48)
 - Be Sincere (6:1-18)
 - Be Loyal (6:19-24)
 - Be Fair (7:1-6)
 - Be Fervent (7:7-11)
 - Be Obedient (7:13-29)

(1) Why was the multitude astonished by the Sermon the Mount? Matthew 7:28-29

(2) How do the beatitudes make a 'different' kingdom citizen? Matt 5:2-12

(3) Define "Blessed" from the perspective of God? Matt 12:11-12

(4) How does Peter define kingdom citizens? I Peter 2:9-10

(5) What is the mission of a kingdom citizen? Matthew 5:13-16

(6) How were the Pharisees doing the "Right Thing but in the Wrong Way"? Matt 5:17-20

(7) Contrast “Ye have Heard” to “But I say” in each of these 6 sections:

*****CLASS PARTICIPATION*****

a. Matt 5:21-26:

b. Matt 5:27-30:

c. Matt 5:31-32:

d. Matt 5:33-37:

e. Matt 5:38-42:

f. Matt 5:43-48: