



YOUR KINGDOM COME

GUIDE BOOK 3



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INTRODUCTION

We're halfway through our look at the Sermon on the Mount. Before we move onto the next section of the sermon, let's take a moment to reflect on what we've looked at so far.

1. From what we've looked at these past 4 weeks (divorce and remarriage, revenge, hypocrisy and prayer), which part of the Sermon has struck you the most? Why is that?

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2. How has Jesus preaching in the sermon so far challenged you?

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3. What are some concrete ways of living out Jesus' kingdom discipleship for you so far?

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ACTS, 1 JOHN & PSALMS BIBLE READING PLAN

WEEK 5: *May 24-30*

- Acts 14
- Acts 15:1-35
- Acts 15:36-16:10
- Acts 16:11-40
- Acts 17:1-15

Extra Reading

- Psalm 71
- Psalm 72
- Psalm 73
- Psalm 74
- Psalm 75

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THE KINGDOM AND OUR TREASURES

MATTHEW 6:19-34

What's one thing you worry about regularly?

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► READ MATTHEW 6:19-34

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Jesus begins a new section of the Sermon on the Mount showing that life in the Kingdom is not simply a matter of passing a test or obtaining the right kind of righteousness. The second half of Matthew 6 is about how all of our attitudes and commitments, worries and pursuits need to be deeply reorientated around the Kingdom of God.

3. What kind of treasures do you think Jesus speaks about throughout this passage? What's the problem with those treasures?

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4. What effect do these treasures have on us? Where do they have the most power over us?

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5. What might you describe as your earthly treasures? Why did you nominate those things?

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6. What difference should it make to our lives knowing the kind of God we see in this passage?

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7. What do you think 6:33 means?

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8. There is a section in the middle of this teaching about treasure, which is a section about eyes and light and is a bit more tricky to understand. In ancient times, light was a symbol of revelation and purity. How might enlightened eyes and purity be related to unswerving devotion to the Kingdom above all else?

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9. How might you distinguish between a good concern and worry/anxiety verses an unbelieving or untrusting worry/anxiety?

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10. Given what Jesus teaches here, what might be a thoroughly Christian way of thinking about: *(pick 2 or 3 to discuss)*

a) Our current possessions and savings?

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b) Future purchases (maybe a phone, clothes, car or house)?

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c) Buying insurance?

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d) Work and careers?

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e) Our worries we mentioned at the start? (or perhaps our concerns about our health, our future, our family, the state of our country/world etc.)

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Pray for each other in relation to Jesus' teaching on Kingdom Life

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WEEK 6: *May 31-June 6*

- Acts 17:16-34
- Acts 18
- Acts 19:1-22
- Acts 19:23-41
- Acts 20

Extra Reading

- Psalm 76
- Psalm 77
- Psalm 78
- Psalm 79
- Psalm 80

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THE KINGDOM AND JUDGING OTHERS

MATTHEW 7:1-6

What do you find yourself judging others for?

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3. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus has laid down the challenge of His Kingdom by commanding his disciples to be holy in serious, heart-level obedience to God. What risk does this passage highlight for Jesus' disciples should good progress be made in this area?

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4. "To judge" can mean to discern, to judge judicially, to be judgmental, or to condemn. Which of those do you think Jesus is meaning here? (You could also see Romans 14:10-13)

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5. What do you think might be in the heart of judgementalism?

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6. Does it mean that we ought to overlook sin in others? How might this actually apply?

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7. How does v6 offer an opposite warning?

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8. Discuss how Don Carson summarises these verses:

"As we have seen, this does not mean that the disciple of Jesus must never speak against any sin. These verses attack judgmental attitudes, but they do not deny that real sins may well be present. In the example which follows (7:3-5), the speck of sawdust in the patient's eye does in fact require removal, even if the operation should not be performed by a surgeon with a plank in his own eye.

God, in fact, exercises both justice and mercy, even toward his own people. Therefore his people must reflect God's character by living justly and showing mercy. And because they are conscious of their own shortcomings and rebellion, they cannot but be profoundly grateful for mercy they have experienced even while they strive for perfection and magnify holiness. This balanced perspective keeps them both from a judgmental spirit and from moral apathy." Don Carson

9. Can you think of instances where Jesus himself embodies either withholding judgement or appropriate discernment?

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10. How might Jesus' words here shape:

Your individual life

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Our corporate life together

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JUNE 25-27



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WEEK 7: *June 7-13*

- Acts 21:1-26
- Acts 21:27-22:21
- Acts 22:22-23:11
- Acts 23:12-3
- Acts 24

Extra Reading

- Psalm 81
- Psalm 82
- Psalm 83
- Psalm 84
- Psalm 85

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THE KINGDOM AND DEPENDENCE

MATTHEW 7:7-12

Can you think of a time you needed help but were too embarrassed to ask?

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This passage picks up 6:25-34 about the Father in Heaven who gives to his children.

3. What kind of attribute(s) of his children do you see being upheld here by Jesus?

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4. The Lord's Prayer was a prayer of dependence – how do you see that expanded upon in these verses?

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5. What picture of God do we get from these verses? Do you have that view of God?

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6. There are many views of God and they all influence the nature of prayer. The moral policeman, the substitute parent, the heavenly friend, kingly commander, the absent designer – each view will result in a different reason for praying, and a different kind of prayer. How might each of those views change the way you relate to God?

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7. What kind of things do you imagine the disciple of the Kingdom would be asking for? (think back to all that the Sermon on the Mount might be demanding!)

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8. We looked at prayer 3 weeks ago. How are you going being a persistent prayer? What changes have you made or might you need to make to reflect the kind of discipleship on show here?

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9. 7:12 seems to sum up much of this section of applying the law. How should we understand it and how does it relate to the section from 5:17 onwards?

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10. How does Jesus himself model and embody what he says here?

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11. How might Jesus' word here shape:

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Our corporate life together

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ACTS, 1 JOHN & PSALMS BIBLE READING PLAN

WEEK 8: *June 14-20*

- Acts 25:1-22
- Acts 25:23-26:32
- Acts 27
- Acts 28:1-16
- Acts 28:17-31

Extra Reading

- Psalm 86
- Psalm 87
- Psalm 88
- Psalm 89
- Psalm 90

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ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

MATTHEW 7:13-29

In thinking about your life, are there times where you've taken the easy road instead of the better but harder road? Or perhaps moments where you took the harder but more satisfying road?

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➤ READ MATTHEW 7:13-29

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This final, concluding section of the Sermon on the Mount comes in four sections, which all bring the sermon to a final, climactic ending. It could easily bring one to the conclusion that Jesus has laid out a series of entrance exam requirements to the Kingdom. Not only would this fly against what is said in the rest of the New Testament (e.g. Paul and justification by faith), but it also significantly misunderstands the Sermon on the Mount. Instead, in the sermon, we've seen a sketch of the quality of life for those who do enter the

Kingdom. Those that enter will enter by asking and pleading for forgiveness. Those who do enter will enter by the forgiveness of a gracious Father but they also discover their lives growing in conformity to Kingdom values.

That brings us to this final and climactic section. There are two alternatives presented across four different illustrations – two paths, two trees, two claims and two houses. There are only two ways to live. We will be preaching this section across two Sundays but to give you a week to celebrate the term together, we will cover both sections in this study.

3. Divide the four sections up amongst your group and take a look at each one answering these questions:

a) What does each metaphor illustrate about the two ways to live?

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b) What is the end result of each way of life?

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c) How does it challenge the reader/hearer to choose the Kingdom?

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SOME QUESTIONS TO THINK THROUGH FOR US:

4. What are the genuine temptations of the wide and easy path?

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5. What is the fruit that one ought to be producing if one is indeed a tree of the Kingdom?

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6. What is the difference between the one who claims to be of God's and the one who actually enters?

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7. How might you analyse your foundations and whether they will stand the test of the tempest?

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The sermon ends with Jesus' hearers rightly being amazed at his authority. However, it's not clear how many of them actually took on the narrow path and deep rooted commitment to Christ and his Kingdom.

8. What's one big takeaway for you from this concluding section on the Sermon on the Mount?

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