THE GOSPEL OF

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK, TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Right Side Up: Eternity LUKE 6:17-26 | MARCH 1 & 2, 2014

Jesus gathered his "incoming freshmen" (the 12 new apostles) and begins their orientation. Immediately his words disrupt their world. They are upside down, counter-intuitive and different than anything they had heard before. Still, there is a sense that what Jesus is saying is true and worth following.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEANING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Have you ever hungered after God? When?



Learning | Getting clear on What was taught

What did you think of the statement Mike shared, "So heavenly minded, but of no earthly good?"



Loving | Growing our heart for a loving God

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Read Matthew 25. What is the context and situation surrounding Jesus' words here? What is/are the message(s) that Jesus wants his followers to hear? How do YOU respond to words like these?



Living | Starting to live like Jesus daily

If someone looked at your life (i.e. your checkbook, work, recreation, home, conversations, etc.) do you think they would conclude you are living for today, for tomorrow or for eternity?

How do Christ's teachings (Luke 6:17-26) impact our lives today? Does God want you to be poor, hungry, weeping and hated? Is it wrong to be comfortable, well-fed, laughing and well-liked?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICING

Spend some time this week making a list of God's gifts (James 1:17) to you - resources, capabilities, relationships, possessions, intellect, etc. Take some time to reflect on the list and rate how you use the gifts (1 is "all for me" and 5 is "all for Him"). Share the list with a trusted friend or your group.



PRAYING

Father, I want to use all that you have given me for your glory and for your purposes. Whether I have little or much, I want to be content in you and dedicated to you with my whole heart. Help me to use my "talents" wisely that I may hear, "well done good and faithful servant, enter into your Master's joy."

MEMORIZING

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." (Colossians 3:23)

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