

The Sermon on the Mount- Week 8 Matthew 7:12-14

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

- How has God's Spirit been leading you this week through this passage and the sermon?
- Does the simplicity and clarity of this command surprise you? Do you over complicate Christianity? If so, where?
- What do you want from other people? Will you commit to do this for others?
- Is trying to control life a temptation for you? Where are you convicted that you need to surrender control to the Lord Jesus Christ?
- You are made in God's image. At our core, what we really want is rooted in the character of God. Discuss how God has been generous with you, has been kind to you, has truly loved you even when you haven't been loveable.
- Where are you tempted to impose standards on others that you do not expect of yourself?
- Living out the ways of Jesus leads to life and our ways lead to death.
- God's call or invitation is world-wide (John 3:16-17). Yet his call to follow him is narrow (John 14:15-17). Where have you switched the two in your life and perhaps expect unbelievers to follow Christ as a believer does? Or perhaps tried to "fit in" with the world and not fully embraced the Lordship of Christ in your life?
- Specifically, who is the person God convicted you of that you need treat as you would want to be treated? What steps this week have you taken to treat them in this way?