



Purpose of series

Jesus begins his first recorded teaching (Sermon on the Mount-Matthew 5-7) with a description of a true follower of Himself in which lives differently from the world. He encourages them with promises of temporary and eternal rewards. To fully live for Jesus, one must seek the approval of God rather than the approval of the world.

What do we want the students to learn or take away?

1. True salvation results in living like Jesus

Thread statement- "Become who you are"

Jesus explains each one of the beatitudes not as an instruction on how to become a believer but a description of what a believer already is. Our basis of obedience is who we already are in our relationship we have with Jesus. "Become who you are" means become the person that Jesus describes as a true or genuine believer in the beatitudes.

2. Believers should seek God's approval not the worlds approval (obedience to God's Word vs. culture)

Thread statement- "Counter Culture Christianity"

Jesus presents each one of these beatitudes in a way that is opposite of what the world values or attains success. The world approves and finds value in being self-sufficient, confident, and a reflection of the surrounding culture. A believer and follower of Christ realizes and accepts his weakness while also trying to pursue a life of righteousness.

Why preach this to students?

It is important for teenagers to understand that their actions have an eternal impact. Truly having a relationship with God through salvation means that the individual is striving to become like Jesus. This series is a litmus test for students to make sure that their salvation is real, and their obedience is properly guided.



Series Outline

July 29th

Week 1- Relationship to God

- Matthew 5:3-6
 - Jonathan (HS)
 - Jonas (MS)

August 5th

Week 2- Relationship to Others

- Matthew 5:7-9
 - Jonas (HS)
 - Brad (MS)

August 19th

Week 3- Result of Obedience

- Matthew 5: 10-12
 - Jonathan (HS)
 - Jonas (MS)