

Heritage Alliance Church November 12, 2023 Pastor Shawn Hubert

Introduction: Matthew 5:1-16 - Beatitudes, Salt & Light

Main Sermon: How to Love God and Others like Jesus (Matthew 5:17 - Matthew 7:12)

Conclusion: Matthew 7:13-29

THEME: Our relationship with God is connected to our relationships with others.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

APPLYING: "Loving Others"

⇒ Our heart towards needs to change

"...anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment." vs.5:22
"...anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery in his heart."
"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft,
false testimony, slander. These are what make a man `unclean'" Matthew 15:19-21

⇒ Respond to others as Jesus responds to you

"Blessed are the merciful, they will be shown mercy." vs 5:7
"...if you forgive other people..., your heavenly Father will also forgive you... if you do not forgive others... your Father will not forgive your sins." vs 6:14-15
"in the same way you judge others, you will be judged." vs 7:2

"...don't sin by letting anger control you. ... for anger gives a foothold to the devil.... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, **just a**s in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:26-32

⇒ Reconcile relationships with others

"blessed are the peacemakers... called children of God." vs 5:9
"leave your gift... First go and be reconciled to them; then come..." vs 5:25
"love your enemies... that you may be children of your Father in heaven" vs 5:44-45

"God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors;"

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

⇒ Be faithful to your commitments

"...anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery" vs 5:32 "All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'" vs 5:37

Questions: How has Jesus changed your heart towards others? What is the most challenging statement of Jesus for you right now? What is Jesus asking you to do, in response to His call to love others like Him?