

What if Jesus Was Serious?  
Week 1 - Misunderstood + Avoided  
Sunday, October 18, 2020  
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“How many of you think Jesus actually expects us to live out these commands?”

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus invites us into a new way of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the world today.

**PASSAGE:** Matthew 5:1-12

#### **4 Surprising Things Jesus Does in His Most Famous Sermon:**

1. Jesus offers a \_\_\_\_\_ list, not another \_\_\_\_\_ list.
2. Jesus is inviting those He had just touched to enter His Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus radically inverts our understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus offers real \_\_\_\_\_ in seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

1. Read Matthew 5-7 each week from now through Thanksgiving.
2. Sit down and outline your definition of the “good life.”
3. Discuss this message with your community group or another Jesus follower.

#### **SHARE A QUESTION:**

You can text your question about today’s message to (928) 288-5490 or submit it via the comment section on YouTube or Facebook. We will do our best to share your question during our Q&A time!

**MY DECISION:** If you made a decision to surrender your life to Jesus today, we would love to celebrate with you! Please text the word JESUS to (928) 288-5490 and one of our team members will follow up with you.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- ICEBREAKER: With less than 75 days left in 2020, what are you looking forward to? (A trip, an experience, something starting, something ending, etc.)
- Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- Read Matthew 5:1-12. Which verse have you experienced personally? When have you been blessed/happy in a state that Jesus describes? (Examples: poor in spirit, mourning, meek, persecuted, insulted)
- In Next Step 2, Pastor Scott challenged us to outline our picture of “the good life.” What does the good life look like for you? In what ways does it align with Jesus’ view? In what ways does it not?
- GK Chesterton said, “the Christian ideal hasn’t been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.” Be honest. In what area do you find it hardest to follow Jesus?
- Pause and reflect on your experience over the last 10 years. During what “impossible” circumstance has Jesus offered you hope? How did that hope change your response to that circumstances?
- Based upon how God spoke to you through Pastor Scott’s message today, what do you feel like your next step is?
- How can this group pray for and support you as you navigate the rest of 2020?