

What if Jesus Was Serious?
Week 5 - Clouds and Dirt
Sunday, November 8, 2020
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We don't mock people who fail where we have...

BIG IDEA: Living as a kingdom person means being in the _____
and in the _____.

PASSAGE: Matthew 6:1-18 CSB

3 Areas Where We Can Stumble as Kingdom People:

1. We can easily turn giving into something that glorifies ____ instead of _____. (6:1-4)

2. We can easily turn prayer into something that builds our _____
rather than something that _____ us. (6:5-15)

3. We can easily turn fasting into something where our audience is
other _____ rather than _____. (6:16-18)

NEXT STEPS:

1. Sit down today with a pen and paper and confess your sins before God.
2. Once you're finished with your time of confession, open your Bible and read 1 John 1:5-10.
3. Identify a time to fast later this month and follow the guidance in Matthew 6:16-18.

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

-ICEBREAKER: Is there something that other people get made fun of for which you refuse to participate in because of your past struggles in that area? If so, share with the group.

-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 6:1-8. Which of the three activities that Jesus mentions is the place you stumble the most - giving, prayer, or fasting? Why do you think that's a challenging area for you?

-In this message, Pastor Scott noted some lessons we can draw from the Lord's Prayer. Which one of those lessons stuck out to you most? Why was that one the most meaningful?

-Alexander Solzhenitsyn once said, "The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart -- and through all human hearts." How does this view reflect Jesus' view in Matthew 5-7? How should it shape the way we follow Jesus in 2020?

-Pastor Scott talked about what we miss when we avoid the discipline of confession. Do you have a meaningful memory of confession in your past? Do you tend to avoid confession - with God and with others? Share your experience with the group.

-While Pastor Scott shared some next steps for this message, what next step do you feel God leading you to take after hearing this message?