

Sermon Study Guide – January 29th, 2023

Today's Focus: "The Savior's Sermon: Anything but Worldly"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ In the next three weeks we will focus on Jesus' famous "Sermon on the Mount." What would it be like hearing Jesus preach? How would it compare to Pastor Walther's sermons?
- ◆ What does it mean if something is "worldly"? How often do we look for "worldly" things in our faith? How did Jesus offer something that was "anything but worldly"?

2) Today's Message: Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. How are churches that don't emphasize God's message of law worldly?
2. How are churches that don't emphasize the gospel worldly?
3. How are we worldly, even when our church emphasizes both?
4. Explain how Jesus offered something that was not worldly.
5. Why is it proper to say that our church's goal is *not* to be relevant?
6. How can a Christian have a "head in the clouds", but still be of "earthly good"?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *read/review* Zephaniah 2-3

Thursday: 1 Peter 4

Tuesday: *read/review* 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16

Friday: Isaiah 61

Wednesday: *review* Psalm 1

Saturday: *review* Matthew 1:1-12