

WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

July 5, 2020

JUNE-AUGUST 2020: JESUS THE SERVANT

Unit 23: JESUS THE TEACHER

07/05 – Jesus Teaches About Discipleship (Matt. 5-7)

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LAST WEEK'S SESSION AT A GLANCE

The miracle of Jesus giving sight to a man born blind reveals His identity to those able and willing to see it. He is the light of the world to push back the darkness of sin, and He is the Son of God who came to do the works of His Father. Those who choose to remain in their pride cannot see Jesus for who He is, so they remain in their spiritual blindness and in need of hearing the gospel.

***HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S
SCRIPTURE PASSAGE...***

JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND (John 9)

John 9:1-7 – “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 9:29-34 – “We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”

John 9:35-41 – “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

- Matthew 4:23,25

THIS WEEK'S SESSION...

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Session 1 –

Jesus Teaches About Discipleship

1. Jesus' Disciples are to be Salt and Light
(Matthew 5:13-16)
2. Jesus' Disciples are to Obey for God's Glory, not
Their Own (Matthew 6:1-4)
3. Jesus' Disciples are to Live Purposefully
(Matthew 7:19-24)

THIS WEEK'S SESSION AT A GLANCE

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught what it means to live as one of His disciples – someone who has been transformed by faith in Jesus and who lives for Him. His command to be both exemplary and set apart, yet simultaneously humble, sets a standard of how to be His disciple and how to make disciples of others.

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them...

- Matthew 5:1-2

1. JESUS' DISCIPLES ARE TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

(Matthew 5:13-16)

Matt 5:13 "*You are the salt of the earth*, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Matt 5:14 *You are the light of the world*. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matt 5:15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

Matt 5:16 In the same way, *let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*"

Salt: a crystalline compound NaCl that consists of sodium chloride, is abundant in nature, and is used especially to season or preserve food or in industry.

Salt is essential for life in general, and saltiness is one of the basic human tastes. It is one of the oldest and most ubiquitous food **seasonings**, and salting is an important method of food **preservation**. Salt was prized by the ancient Hebrews, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, the Hittites, Egyptians, and the Indians. Salt became an important article of trade and was transported by boat across the Mediterranean Sea, along specially built salt roads, and across the Sahara on camel caravans. The scarcity and universal need for salt have led nations to go to war over it and use it to raise tax revenues.

Let your speech always be gracious,
seasoned with salt, so that you may know
how you ought to answer each person.

- *Colossians 4:6*

Christians are called to be the salt of the earth, *preserving the world from social and moral decay* by *proclaiming* and *living* the truth of God's Word for a people who need it. We are called to be a remnant of faithful disciples who maintain their saltiness and their preserving power, all for the glory of God.

Light: something that makes vision possible

The main source of light on Earth is the Sun.

Sunlight provides the energy that green plants use to create sugars mostly in the form of starches, which release energy into the living things that digest them. This process of photosynthesis **provides virtually all the energy used by living things**. The primary properties of visible light are intensity, propagation direction, frequency or wavelength spectrum, and polarization, while its speed in a vacuum, 299,792,458 meters per second, is **one of the fundamental constants of nature**.

For it is you who light my lamp; the
LORD my God lightens my darkness.

- *Psalm 18:28*

“...let your light shine...”

...for at one time you were darkness, but now *you are light in the Lord*. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But *when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light*. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Is. 60:1)

- *Ephesians 5:8-14*

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 49 – Mission of the Church: The mission of the church is to go into the world in the power of the Spirit and make disciples by proclaiming this gospel, calling people to respond in ongoing repentance and faith, and demonstrating the truth and power of the gospel by living under the lordship of Christ for the glory of God and the good of the world.

BUT ONE DAY...

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, And night will be no more. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

- Revelation 21:23-24;22:3,5

2. JESUS' DISCIPLES ARE TO OBEY FOR GOD'S GLORY, NOT THEIR OWN (Matthew 6:1-4)

Matt 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

Matt 6:2 Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

Matt 6:3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

Matt 6:4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Social media might make the task of glorifying God seem easy – just upload a poignant Scripture passage or inspired thought from the comfort of your own couch and *voila* – Christian duty fulfilled.

In the age of the Internet, it is easy to “practice our righteousness” before human beings, just as it is easy to confuse empty practices for righteousness.

3. JESUS' DISCIPLES ARE TO LIVE PURPOSEFULLY (Matthew 7:19-25)

Matt 7:19 “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Matt 7:20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matt 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

3. JESUS' DISCIPLES ARE TO LIVE PURPOSEFULLY (Matthew 7:19-25 cont'd)

Matt 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Matt 7:24 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matt 7:25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”

- John 15:1-2,4-5,8

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:22-25*

In Closing...

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- *What are some ways Jesus' followers can serve as salt and light in the world?*
- *What are some ways we may be tempted to practice our righteousness for personal glory?*
- *How can we combat the temptation to seek the reward of human applause instead of God's glory and His eternal reward?*
- *What is the difference between outward compliance to Christ's commands and inward conformity to Christ's lordship?*

NEXT WEEK

July 12, 2020

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– *2 Corinthians 13:14*