

Sermon on the Mount ~ Do Unto Others! ...Matthew 7:12

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." ...Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

"CHRISTIAN LIVING MOVES from what God has freely done for us in Christ to what we should freely do for others." ...Pastor John Piper

1. Being a Christian... Actions Beyond Words!

Scripture: **Matthew 7:12**

- "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." ~ C. S. Lewis
- John Piper Quote... (see above)
- "The Christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God." ~ Robert Murray Mc'Cheyne

2. Waiting until they Deserve It!... We Never "Deserve" It! (I don't, and neither do you!)

Scripture: **Ephesians 2:4-5, Ephesians 2:8-10**

- "The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us." ~ C. S. Lewis

3. What it Looks Like... Living it in Real Time!

Scripture: **Romans 12:9-21**

- "I am often, I believe, praying for others when I should be doing things for them. It's so much easier to pray for a bore than to go and see him." ~ C. S. Lewis
- "It is impossible to serve God without serving one another." ~ Alistair Begg

4. You Can't do it on Your Own... Equipped by God!

Scripture: **Philippians 2:1-15**

- **HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:** For the next 7 Days... Focus **ONLY** on Others... (**Matthew 25:37-40**)

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...be descriptive!
2. READ **1John 3:16-18** together... What is this scripture yelling us?
 - In verse 18 it tells us to "love (others) in deed and truth"... That means that we are to love other people, beginning with those in our home, with Action (in deed) and Sincerity (truth)...
...What does that look like in our own lives? What kind of action can you begin today to live this out with your family members, friends, and people in your life? ...*please give Real-Life examples!*
 - How do you think it would affect the people in your life if you treated them the way you would prefer to be treated, or better?
3. READ **1John 4:7-11** together... What is this telling us, and what do you learn from these verses?
 - What does that look like in our own lives? How does the *love* and *action* that the Lord Jesus has for you, effect the way you treat others and how you see them? ...*please describe!*

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: *For the next 7 Days... Focus ONLY on Others... **Matt 25:37-40***

- Make ALL Conversations ONLY about the person you're talking to. Don't turn yourself into the "Main Topic" of the conversation! Focus on them, and listen to understand and engage!
- Keep it in the front of your mind to...
...Take ACTION to ONLY **do** for others... whether it's things you do for them, or in conversations you have with them, especially those in your home and family.

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)