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Gospel of the Kingdom – Golden Gate

Matthew 7:12-14

Summary: Jesus is concluding His sermon by summarizing and applying His message. He makes it clear that the Golden Rule, verse 12, takes care of all the Old Testament Law and Prophets. It is the right and Godly way of life. Next, Jesus warns if we want to live according to this rule it will be unpopular and hard.

Scripture – Matthew 7:12-14, 9:37; Acts 11:19-26; Hebrews 12:15

Community Group Questions

Introduction

- Why has the American ideal shifted from truth to tolerance?
- “The only thing our culture doesn’t tolerate is exclusivity.”
- How has pluralism actually divided America?

Reciprocity

- Reciprocity is, “I’m going to treat you just like you treat me.”
- Why is reciprocity such a common human behavior?
- Discuss the difference between the golden rule and reciprocity.

Do No Harm

- How does the idea of “do no harm” create passivity and isolation?

The Narrow Way

- “Jesus included the ‘bad’ people...you and me.”
- “Salvation is exclusive (only through Christ) but it’s inclusive because anyone can come.”
- Why is it easy to be angry, defensive and unforgiving?
- How does bitterness defile everything you touch? (Hebrews 12:15)
- “Pain that is not transformed will be transmitted.”