4. A New Kind of Posture

A New Posture of a <u>student</u> not a <u>professional</u>

• Luke 10:39-40, *Acts 22:3*, Mark 3:31-35

Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

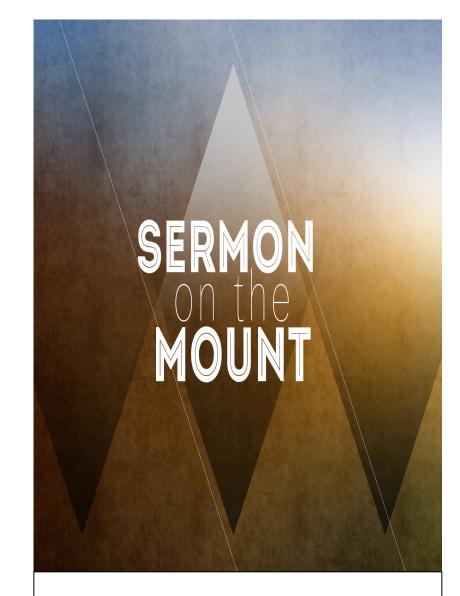
5. A New Kind of Obedience

Matthew 5:20 ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

> A New Obedience that <u>imitates</u> the heart of King Jesus, not duty to <u>religious</u> rules.

Life Group / Reflection Questions

- In this weeks' sermon what did the Holy Spirit reveal to you personally?
- If you were to evaluate your life, who is holds the kingship of your life? Jesus or you? What would it look like allow Jesus to be King?
- If we have accepted Jesus, what did you accept him as? A savior that saves you from hell, or a King to obey and follow? What is the difference?
- What are the implications that Jesus leads you into a new life not just a better life?
- What has your posture been towards Jesus? A Student, A Skeptic, A professional? What would it look like for you to sit at Jesus' feet?
- ➤ Has your obedience to Jesus been motivated by love or duty? What is the danger of obedience out of duty?



Sunday April 19th, 2015 "5 Kingdom Shifts" Matthew 4-5

Sermon on the Mount "5 Kingdom Shifts"

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

Matthew 4:23-25 ²³ 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. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The Sermon on the Mount:

An invitation into a new society and a new way of life

- · A society with Jesus as King.
- A life that <u>imitates</u> the heart of King Jesus.

5 Shifts to Experince the Kingdom Life

1. A New Kind of Kingdom

- Skinny Pants Version
- Pleated Pants Version
- Israel's Version
- Jesus' Version
- > A New Kingdom where <u>God</u> is King and we are not.

2. A New Kind of Evangelism

Matthew 9:35-36 ³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

> A New Evangelism of compassion and not exclusion

Matthew 4:23-25, Matthew 9:35, Matthew 10:1

Matthew 7:24-27 – 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. 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. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

> A New Evangelism of <u>obedience</u> to King Jesus not a ticket out of hell.

3. A New Kind of Teacher

Matthew 5:1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Matthew 11:28-29 ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

A New Moses - Jesus leads us out of exile into a new life not just a better life