



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 1st March 2020

Series- Lent in Matthew

Kingdom living

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:15-16

1. Live in ways that are in keeping with the Kingdom. (Matthew 5:1-12)

2. Stay salty and let our light shine. (Matthew 5:13-15)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. Who is Jesus directing these words at? Who does he say the blessed ones are?
2. Read Matthew 5:1-12. What promises or blessings does he say belong to those blessed ones? What rewards are they bestowed on these blessed ones?
3. How did Marcus say that Matthew tells his Jesus story in ways that parallel the story of God's old covenant people?
4. Read Matthew 5:13-16. What are the two analogies that Jesus uses for his will for his disciples? How does the analogy of light speak to a broader idea in the Hebrew Scriptures and from Jesus' own lips in other places?
5. What does Jesus say is the purpose of your good works? Read Matthew 5:16?

B. Meditation & application

6. If Matthew is announcing the good news of the coming of the king, how do the beatitudes point us in the direction of a pattern for kingdom living? If you were going to live a blessed life, what kind of changes would you need to make according to this pattern?
7. What about Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of God - is upside down and back to front?
8. What would make you a more salty kingdom person? How could you stay salty?"
9. Marcus said in his message that the indicative of this page is that by faith in Christ we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world? How does this picture of your / our identity as the church and as a Disciple make you want to live? Is it encouraging if so, how?

Dear heavenly Father. We praise you that in Jesus you make all things new. We thank you that in him your Kingdom drew near to us. We pray that your kingdom and the rule and reign of Christ would continue to grow in our lives. That we would continue to surrender our lives and give over the different aspects of them so that you might be glorified in us and your name be praised. In Jesus' Name Amen.