



Sunday Worship 3-20-22  
Sermon Series: NEXT—3

A series based on the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus gave and His examples of choices we have to make in our lives.

Scripture Text:

Matthew 7:21-23

(Jesus teaching) 21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

JESUS TEACHES CONCERNING TRUE OR FALSE DISCIPLESHIP:

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ depends on Jesus.
  - a. Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

JESUS TEACHES CONCERNING TRUE OR FALSE DISCIPLESHIP:

2. Many make \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.

a. Matthew 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

b. Matthew 5:33-37 (Jesus teaching) 33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

c. Matthew 7:23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

JESUS TEACHES CONCERNING TRUE OR FALSE DISCIPLESHIP:

3. Heed the \_\_\_\_\_, but don't be \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

b. Luke 21:8 And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.

JESUS TEACHES THE WAY IS THROUGH COMMITMENT:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to God's will.

a. Matthew 7:21 ... but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

b. This is not a \_\_\_\_\_ commitment.

c. This is how we are an \_\_\_\_\_ in this world.

d. 2 Chronicles 16:9 The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.

JESUS TEACHES THE WAY IS THROUGH COMMITMENT:

2. \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to God's will.

- a. Proverbs 16:3 Commit to Him and he will establish your plans.
- b. Psalm 37:5 Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and he will help you.
- c. Your \_\_\_\_\_ may be an indicator of how you think to \_\_\_\_\_, but God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for you that does not include your past.
- d. Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

JESUS TEACHES THE WAY IS THROUGH COMMITMENT:

3. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to God's will.

a. It is about \_\_\_\_\_ it out in how we live.

Jesus is more concerned about our walk than our talk.

b. Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

c. Matthew 19:16-22 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" 17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Conclusion:

The choices and the commitments you make will show your values, will shape your life, and determine your destiny.

Reflection:

What is NEXT for you?