

Sermon on the Plain – Luke 6:20-49

Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5:1-7:27

The two are similar suggesting they are related

Matthew's version is MUCH longer – an expanded version of Luke???

Today's text addresses a more difficult situation

He sets it up beautifully....

Luke 6:17

“Jesus came down with the 12 and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people...”

Luke 6:19

“And all in the crowd we’re trying to touch him, for power came out from Him and healed all of them.”

The text as a whole

Jesus' teaching focuses on three concerns:

Poverty

Hunger

Mourning

Luke focuses on the Physical ...not the Spiritual

Blessings and Woes

Love for our Enemies

The Golden Rule

He would like people to do to you, do exactly so to them.

Judgment

Lumberyard theology

By their fruits

House is built on rock and house is built on sand

In or Out

“I declare to you who are listening” v27

Sitting on a fence can get uncomfortable!

Wasting time sitting on the fence wastes far more time and emotion
then you'd expend committing to something!

People don't leave Christianity because they stop believing in the teachings of Jesus.

People leave Christianity because they believe in the teachings of Jesus so much, they can't stomach being part of an institution that claims to be about that and clearly isn't.

If You are Committed to Changing the World

It begins with how you read scripture.

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Are we a congregation known in our community as current, relevant, and whole-heartedly committed to living as a wholly unleashed faith community?

Core Values

Authentic Worship

Intentional relationships

Sacrificial Service

Radical Generosity

Authentic Worship

Worship is where we are immersed in God's unconditional love.

Worship is orienting ourselves toward God.

When we worship, we discover that God goes to work with us, transforming us to live as children of God.

Intentional Relationships

Spending time in intentional relationships with one another helps us live into the identity that Jesus created for us.

We are meant to be in community with one another, loving and supporting each other throughout life.

Sacrificial Service

We don't think of Service as something we do once-in-a-while.

We believe Service is a way of life.

Radical Generosity

Generosity Begets Generosity

Why are WE Generous at St. John's?

We believe we are called to give more time, love, forgiveness, and resources to others.

We will challenge you to live more generously in every aspect of your life.

Only give money to a program or people that we have feet and hands involvement.

Connect to serve - - - - Serve to connect

If you are single, divorced, married, Democrat, Republican, unaffiliated, LGBTQ, refugee, immigrant, unemployed, unhoused, young, old, black, brown, white, or categorized by any other worldly boundary, you are welcome here.

We are committed to being a safe place.