Small Group Questions | October 1st, 2017

Kingdom Values: The Impossible Kingdom (Matthew 5:17-20)

Sermon Recap: The Law Jesus brings to us here is a reminder that He came not to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it, thereby, without Christ no one can enter His Kingdom. Thus we recognize our unworthiness, our weakness, and our need for the great Doctor. The impossible becomes possible becasue he is with us.

Hook: These questions can help encourage conversation.

- 1. Can you recall a time when something you said was not heard clearly and needed to be clarified? Was the outcome comical or hurtful?
- 2. How is the Church a hospital for the sick? How is it more?

Look: Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual guestions.

- 3. What is the Law's purpose and why has it not been abolished? (see Gal 3:13,19, 4:5; Rom 3:21-26)
- 4. What evidence or signs does Jesus give towards his claim that he is here to fulfill the law?
- 5. Why can the thief on the cross enter God's Kingdom but not the Pharisee?

Took: Applying the message to our lives.

- 6. Where do you have evidence that you are in need of Christ's work in your life? (Guilt/shame, broken relationship, repeated bad behavior, anger, etc)
- 7. How do we guard against legalism or 'lazzism' in our life?
- 8. What does it look like to be with Jesus?

Prayer/Verse: Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. – Matt 5:19