

Radical: Jesus is Lord

Life Steps | June 6-7, 2015

Day 1

Matthew 4:12-25

What do you think drew people to Jesus? How do you think he differed from the religious teachers of this day? What initially drew you to Jesus? In what ways are you still in touch with that initial motivation to follow him? How have you moved away from it?

Day 2

Matthew 5:1-20

How would you put the Beatitudes into your own words? What is their central message? How do they differ from our typical understanding of what it means to be "blessed"? What does this tell us about God?

Day 3

Matthew 5:21-48

In what ways does this teaching go against the ways of the world? Is Jesus flipping the world upside down, or is he flipping it right-side up? Explain. What about this passage challenges you the most? What encourages you?

Day 4

Matthew 6:1-18

What would you say is the big point or the main thesis of this portion of Jesus' teaching? How does it challenge some of the common beliefs about how the world works?

Day 5

Matthew 6:19-34

What does this passage teach us about our priorities? According to Jesus, where does our anxiety and worry come from? What is the remedy to our anxiety? How does this passage challenge you? How does it encourage you?

Day 6

Matthew 7:1-14

What is the danger in "judging others"? What kind of peace do you receive from verse 8? What does it mean that "the road to eternal life is narrow" and that "few find it"? What does this passage teach us about the nature of God?

Day 7

Matthew 7:14-29

According to this passage, what is it that makes someone a disciple of Jesus Christ? After reading through these scriptures, how has following Jesus changed the way you live for the better? At the same time, how have you lost touch with the Radical Jesus? If you are going to truly commit to the real Jesus, what needs to change in your life?