

— **UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM** | *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT*

WEEK 8- LEAVING THE HALL

Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 7:1-6

1. THE NEW COMMUNITY IS A FAMILY
2. THE NEW COMMUNITY IS DESIGNED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
3. THE NEW COMMUNITY IS MARKED BY A BALANCE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week's message was all about the new kind of community that the gospel creates and what our relationships with one another should look like. One of the main challenges we can face in any relationship is that we can often assume that we know someone else's story. What are some of your favorite questions to ask other people in order to actually understand them more fully?
3. If you've put your trust in Jesus, you get God as a father, but you also get other Christians as siblings. This means that we shouldn't give up on each other when we have fights. What are some ways the church would stand out from our culture if we truly treated each other as a close, committed family even amid disagreements?
4. One of the main ideas this week was that "The new community is designed for accountability." Who are you accountable to? Who are you accountable for? In other words, who in your life do you share a deep commitment with for each other's health, growth and development?
5. Hebrews 3:13 talks about encouraging one another as a means of protecting us from being hardened by sin. This type of relationship requires vulnerability and constancy. What is most challenging for you about vulnerability? What is most challenging for you about constancy? Are there any changes you could make in order to prioritize these two things in your relationships?
6. Jesus was FULL of grace and truth (John 1:14). He wasn't 50% of each. He was completely full of both. In perfect love, Jesus meets us where we are and in perfect truth, He never leaves us there. Where were you when Jesus found you? How has he brought you from where you were to where you are today?
7. This Sunday's message was about more than just attending more Sunday services or attending small group more often. It was about committing to a group of people to the point that you are truly accountable to them and walking in both truth and love with them. Is there anything keeping you from committing more fully to a local church?