

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

WEEK 9- UPSIDE-DOWN GLORY

Matthew 7:13-29

1. IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT WE DO FOR JESUS. IT'S ABOUT WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US
2. WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN LOOKING FOR IS JESUS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week was our final week of looking at the Sermon on the Mount in our "Upside-Down Kingdom" series. Does anything that Jesus said in the sermon on the mount "astonish" you?
3. All through the sermon on the mount, Jesus compares and contrasts religion and Christianity. What are some differences between religion and Christianity? Why do you think it's important to know the difference between the two?
4. A religious person and a Christian might do some good things that look similar on the outside but one of the main differences between a religious person and a Christian is what is behind the good actions. When you take the time to think about "why" you do the good things you do, what kind of motives do you find?
5. Someone who is religious has no sense of their own glory (their worth, value, etc.), so they try to earn it through good deeds. But in John 17:22, Jesus says He GIVES US the same glory that He has. What does that mean? How can this reality change the way we live?
6. The pharisees were so stuck in their religious way of living that they didn't realize they were the "bad guys" in the story. It is so easy for us to get stuck in the same kind of religious mindset and yet be so blind to it. How can we identify and change these religious tendencies in our own lives? How can we help others identify their own religious tendencies?
7. One of the main ideas this week was that "it's not about what we do for Jesus. It's about what Jesus has done for us." What has Jesus done for you?
8. The final idea this week was that "what we've always been looking for is Jesus." What are some places you've looked for things like love, purpose, joy, rest, comfort, peace, justification, etc.? How does Jesus meet the need you were looking for in those other places?