



Growth Group Homework

For the week of March 18, 2018

Sermon on the Mount – “True Followers” (Matthew 7:21-23)

Getting started (Think about the answers to these questions so you can share with your group.)

- Was there a time when you totally missed the boat or misunderstood what was asked of you? What happened?
- Was there a time when you and another person thought you were on the same page, but weren't? What happened?

Review

- Pastor Rob said that this portion of Scripture can seem “callous and unfair.” What do you think of that statement? _____

- Looking back at the notes from this week’s message, was there anything you heard for the first time, or was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you or confused you? _____

Looking around (What else does God’s word say about this topic?)

Matthew 12:46-50 (NIV)

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.”

⁴⁸ He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” ⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

- How do you understand Jesus’ words in verse 50? _____

- How do you understand his words in verse 48? _____

John 14:23-34 (NIV)

23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

- Explain the connection between love and obedience in your own words. _____

- What teaching do you think Jesus is talking about? _____

- How does verse 24 apply to believers when they sin? _____

Think about it

- What comes to mind when you hear the words, *God's will*?
- What is your initial reaction to the idea of Jesus turning people away?

Apply it

- Am I a follower of Christ? How do I know? If not, why? _____

- What is going on in life (or what am I doing) when I feel like things are best between me and God? Why is this so? Is this based in biblical truth or in feeling and perception? _____

- What aspect of God's will do I struggle with the most? Why? _____

- When have I struggled with the idea of God's will? _____

