

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas
July 5, 2026 – Sent by the King: Greatness in the Kingdom

Main Passage: Matthew 11:7-15

Main Idea:

Greatness in the Kingdom is not measured by power, popularity, or prominence, but by faithful obedience and surrender to Christ.

1) Greatness Is Not Measured by Popular Opinion.

Matthew 11:7–8

Supporting Scriptures: Matthew 3:1–4, Matthew 14:3–5

- John was not weak or easily influenced.
- He stood firmly for truth despite opposition.
- God calls His people to faithfulness, not popularity.
- Truth transforms lives; entertainment only attracts crowds.

2) Greatness Is Not Measured by Personal Gain — Matthew 11:8

Supporting Scriptures: Luke 9:23–25, Philippians 3:7–8

- Many sought John for personal benefit.
- Some seek Jesus only for comfort or prosperity.
- Jesus came to forgive sin, not simply improve our circumstances.
- The Kingdom calls us to surrender, not self-fulfillment.

3) Greatness Is Found in Faithfully Pointing Others to Christ

Matthew 11:9–11

Supporting Scriptures: Isaiah 40:3, John 1:29–30

- John was more than a prophet.
- His greatest privilege was preparing the way for Christ.
- Our righteousness comes through Christ alone.
- Kingdom greatness comes through belonging to Jesus.

4) Greatness Requires Receiving the Kingdom on God's Terms Matthew 11:12–15

Supporting Scriptures: Malachi 4:5–6, Romans 10:9–10

- God's Kingdom has always faced opposition.
- Many try to reshape God's message to fit their desires.
- Jesus fulfilled God's redemptive plan exactly as promised.
- Those with ears to hear will respond in repentance and faith.

Key Truths

- The world measures greatness by success; God measures greatness by faithfulness.
- Jesus honors obedience more than popularity.
- Following Christ requires repentance and surrender.
- Salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ.

Questions for Reflection

1. How does my definition of greatness compare to Christ's?
2. Am I seeking Jesus for who He is or only for what He can give me?
3. Am I faithfully pointing others to Christ?
4. Have I truly responded to Jesus in repentance and faith?

"Greatness in the Kingdom is not measured by power, popularity, or prominence, but by faithful obedience and surrender to Christ."

"Spectacle can draw a crowd, but only truth transforms lives."