

Part 2: Who Are You Becoming?

Name: _____ Date: _____ Passage: Matthew 5:1–7:27

CORE LESSON PRINCIPLE: Jesus forms people from the inside out until hearing the King increasingly becomes doing what the King says. The Sermon on the Mount is not a moral ladder to climb; it reveals what happens when God's reign transforms a human heart.

I. THE SOURCE OF OUR BEHAVIOR (Matthew 5:1–48)

LISTENING AID: Jesus moves beneath visible compliance to transform the _____ of behavior. Kingdom 'perfection' (v. 48) means undivided _____, not selective rule-keeping.

1. Heart Inspection (Matthew 5:21–24 & 5:43–48): How does Jesus contrast external rule-keeping with Kingdom righteousness? What does your reaction under pressure reveal about who you are becoming beneath the surface?

My Discovery & Reflections:

II. THE CENTER OF OUR ALLEGIANCE (Matthew 6:1–34)

LISTENING AID: Secret righteousness (giving, prayer, fasting) is lived before the _____, not for human applause. Seeking first the Kingdom means making God's reign the _____ of all life.

2. Motives & Anxiety Check (Matthew 6:19–21 & 6:31–33): What happens when your desire for approval, security, or control is threatened? What would remain of your obedience if nobody on earth could see it?

My Discovery & Reflections:

III. THE WAY WE SEE AND LOVE OTHERS (Matthew 7:1–12)

LISTENING AID: Self-righteousness makes us experts on another's _____ while remaining blind to our own _____. The Golden Rule moves us to _____ love.

3. Relational Transformation (Matthew 7:1–5 & 7:12): Instead of asking 'How did they treat me?', what shifts when you ask: 'Who is Jesus forming me to become toward them?' Name one person love calls you to initiate grace toward this week.

My Discovery & Reflections:

IV. HEARERS AND DOERS (Matthew 7:13–27)

LISTENING AID: Storms do not create the foundation; pressure _____ what foundation was already there. Obedience is not earning acceptance, but the _____ of disciples belonging to the King.

4. Foundation Check (Matthew 7:24–27): Where has your hearing of Jesus' words stopped short of concrete doing? What teaching of Jesus have you quietly exempted yourself from practicing?

My Discovery & Reflections:

PERSONAL KINGDOM COMMITMENT

My Concrete Action Step: What specific step of obedience will you take this week in response to what the Holy Spirit has highlighted today?

I will:

RESPONSE PRAYER: "King Jesus, show me where I am hearing You but not doing what You say. Give me the courage to obey. Your Kingdom come; Your will be done in me. Amen."