

Week 4- "The Better Road"

In this series we are going to dive into one of the most incredible talks Jesus ever gave: "The Sermon on the Mount". When Jesus arrived He knew that our attempts at lasting change, and growth doesn't lead to the life we all strive for. In this week's message, we look at how and why Jesus says that the Gospel is the better road to take over religious righteousness.

1. What stood out to you from the message and in what ways were you challenged?

Read Matthew 5:13-20 and Matthew 6:26

- 2. The law or any religious system couldn't fix our broken human nature. What does it say about God's love for you that through faith in Jesus you are made righteous?
- 3. Have you placed your trust in Jesus? If so, do you live life as if God views you as righteous or do you find yourself striving to earn his grace and righteousness?
- 4. How has your life been impacted by someone who is Gospel centered?
- 5. How have you seen the Gospel change the way you see others around you?

Read Matthew 6:26

The sermon on the mount is impossible unless you know that you are valuable.

6. The Gospel of Jesus allows you to know God as Father. How can trusting that God is a good and perfect Father help you rest from any and all striving to earn value?

7. How can you lean into the Holy Spirit to allow the Gospel to take a deeper root in your heart?

The Gospel has a higher view of the law of God than any religion. Jesus knew that we couldn't keep the law, so He came to pay the price of our failure and fulfill the law for us. Through faith in Him we are made righteous with God our perfect Father and He views us as if we live the sermon on the mount perfectly. We are made whole in Him.