

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: The More Things Change
Message: The More We Need Jesus
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: January 23/24, 2021

The assignment this week is a little different. We would like for you to do two things:

First, carefully review the message notes. Write down any questions, thoughts or ideas that come to mind:

Second, join next week's Prayer Night, as we look at Matthew chapters 5 and 6. You can find us on Monday, January 25th at 7 pm at either Facebook Live or at live.newhope.org. During that time you will be able to think through the implications of what Jesus taught, and then pray together about how to live out what we are learning. If you aren't able to join us on Monday, you can access it afterwards on-demand by going to live.newhope.org. Do it individually, as a family or invite a friend to join you. You will not be disappointed!

(Please note that chat is only available on Facebook Live.)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES

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The goal of this message series is to remind all of us to not only remember who we are, but more importantly whose we are.

One of New Hope's core values is Found People Find People.

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.

Luke 19:10 (NLT)

True followers adopt Jesus' mission as their own.

²² *Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.*

²³ *I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.*

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NLT)

True followers also adopt the attitudes Jesus taught us.

¹ *One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ² and he began to teach them. ³ "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ⁴ God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. ⁶ God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. ⁷ God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. ⁹ God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. ¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

¹¹ *God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way."*

Matthew 5:1-12 (NLT)

⁴⁴ *But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ⁴⁶ If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. ⁴⁷ If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. ⁴⁸ But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

Matthew 5:44-48 (NLT)

perfect (def): faithfully reproducing the original [Merriam-Webster Dictionary]