

Sermon Notes

Truth Can Be Inconvenient

Matthew 5:1-25, 28

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Introduction: Jesus said: "If you hold to my teachings you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:31, 32

Matthew 5:1-16

The inconvenient truth of the Beatitudes:

is that Being is more important than doing.

Happy People are:

Poor in spirit...are those who:

Those who mourn...are those who:

Meek...who are those who:

Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness...they are those who:

Merciful...those are people who:

Pure in heart...they are those who:

Peacemakers...are people who:

Why these qualities are important in our lives:

Matthew 5:17-25, 28

The inconvenient truth about being under grace and not the law:

Is that there is no license to sin,

Or to imagine that Jesus somehow is going to minimize our moral obligation.

Or that Jesus is going to allow us to go on insulting His holiness by refusing to deal with it

The inconvenient truth about living a life of righteousness:

Is that our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees and Scribes.

And that the new standard that applies to our lives is

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The inconvenient truth about when sin originates in our lives:

Anger

Contempt

Insult

Sin does not begin...

The inconvenient truth about failing to deal with our sin:

Deal with it

Or the result of failure to deal with it

Application:

- What is your response to this?
- How do you think God would have you apply this to your own life?