**12/17/23 What Traits Will Jesus Find in You? Matthew 5:1-16; Luke 6:17-26**

* A trait is something that is passed on from one source to another.
* If you didn’t open your mouth, and someone who knew nothing about you was observing you, what would they see?
* Would they know we have sat at the feet of the Master Teacher and have become one of His disciples?

**1. Jesus would often make an extra effort to teach those who desired to learn.**

* Jesus was always intentional in everything that He did.
* The disciples include both the apostles and other followers who are serious about hearing the Master.
* Jesus’ message helps us to understand that what is important is faithful obedience from the heart and not following the Law, gaining positions, authority or making money.
* God blesses those who realize their need for Him.

**Matthew 4:23-25, 5:1-3, 7:28, 29, 16:19; 1 Corinthians 1:26**

**2. Jesus looks for a yielded life.**

* Jesus looks for those who desire to make Him the Lord of their lives.
* The promise of comfort means that Jesus will stand by us, support us, encourage us and console us.
* God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will belong to them.
* Jesus and Moses are two of the most humble men in the Bible.
* We must hunger for a right standing with God.

**Matt. 5:4-6, 11:29; Eccles. 7:2; Isaiah 40:1; 2 Corin.10:1; Numbers 12:3; Psalm 42:2; Phil. 1:6**

**3. Will we go the extra mile for others?**

* Will you go over and beyond the call of duty to help someone?
* With the same measure by which we extend mercy to others, God's mercy will be extended to us.
* Purity begins in the *heart.* If the heart is pure, right behavior will follow. If the heart is not pure, behavior is mere hypocrisy. While the Gospel will create division at times, believers should never seek conflict.
* All of the Beatitudes puts the disciple of Jesus at odds with the world.

**Matthew 5:7-11, 6:12, 18:21-35; Mark 4:24; James 2:13;** **Luke 14:26; Galatians 5:22**

**4. Are you exhibiting salt and light in the world?**

* The apostles learned the lesson well when they rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name” when they were beaten and threatened by the Sanhedrin.
* Just as a little salt can go a long way, even a few Christians can have tremendous influence for good.
* If we become indistinguishable from the people around us, if we no longer mourn over sinfulness or hunger for righteousness, we become worthless for Christ!
* In the spiritual warfare against darkness, true Christians should shine as lights in theworld.
* We should not be ashamed to let our friends and neighbors see what Christ is doing in our lives.
* When we faithfully follow the teachings of Jesus, the world will notice the changes in our lives.

**Matthew 5:12-16, 6:1-4; Acts 5:41; Philippians 2:15; John 1:9; 8:12; Luke 8:16; 11:33**