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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



“100” SERIES OVERVIEW:

This is a 5 week series called “After Further Review”, where we will examine Jesus’ most famous sermon and evaluate our own responses along the way. We often find ourselves moving through life with priorities out of order, direction blurred, and assumptions about how life should turn out. Jesus was the master at challenging his disciples to live with a fresh start and a new focus. The Sermon on the Mount stands as a message that is countercultural to the world—a message where losing becomes our gain, weakness becomes our strength, love becomes our currency, and people become our investment. As followers of Jesus, how are we each doing in these areas? Think about the journey of faith like a football game...how many times would a referee look at our lives and throw out a yellow flag? Stay tuned...

"AFTER FURTHER REVIEW" WEEK 3



Icebreakers:

Other than Christ, who do you look up to as an example of a forgiving person?

Do you find it easier to ask for forgiveness or to forgive someone?

Discussion Questions:

Read Matthew 5:38-39

What are some ways to avoid getting into conflict with others (Read Rom 12:18 and 1Pet 4:8)?

- Think of a time when someone hurt you.
- How would you describe that person?
- Is it ever right to hurt them back?
- Are there times when it is better to accept the injury rather than strike back (Read 1Cor 6:7 and Heb 10:32-34)?

After Further Review, are you someone who "turns the other cheek?"

How would living a life of "turning the other cheek" bless your life and you make a difference in this life?

Read Matthew 5:40

What is Jesus calling His followers to in this verse?

After Further Review, do you place a higher value on your need to be right than you do the people around you?

How would living out Jesus' wisdom here bless your life and you make a difference in this life?

Read Matthew 5:41

What are some examples of ways you could go the extra mile (Mat 5:41) to reflect Christ in situations where people are demanding things of you?

After Further Review, are you someone who chooses to go "the second mile"?

How would living out this second mile attitude bless your life and you make a difference in this life?

Read Matthew 5:42

What is difficult about what Jesus commands His followers here?

After Further Review, are you someone who is generous with what God has given you?

How would living out Jesus' wisdom here bless your life and you make a difference in this life?

What stories can you share where you have witnessed people "turning the other cheek", "letting go of rights", "going the second mile", and "being generous with all that God has given them"? What impact did those stories have on you?

Read Matthew 5:43-47

What can you do to leave revenge to God and avoid taking things into your own hands? (Read Psalms 28:4, 1The 5:15, 2The 1:6-10)

What are reasons you may want to forgive the person who wronged you? (Read Luke 23:34, Pro 25:21-22, Rom 12:19-21)

What does Matthew 5:38-47 teach us about God's character?

What action steps do you feel the Lord leading you to take and how can those around you help?