



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

Sermon Main Idea:

We want to practice living like Jesus so that we can embody His Upside Down Kingdom.

Introduction:

1. What are some of things that you treasure in life?
2. What is something you have practiced enough that you have become proficient at it?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Matthew 6:1-21 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What motives behind our religious acts is Jesus addressing? Why? (vs. 1-2,5,16)
2. What do we want our motives behind our religious acts to be? (vs. 3-4,6,17-18)
3. How do our motives determine the kind of rewards we receive from our religious acts?
4. What contrasting values is Jesus addressing here? Why is it an issue of the heart? (vs. 19-21)
5. What do we want to set our hearts on in this world? (vs. 19-21)
6. What does Jesus' teaching in this passage reveal about the Kingdom of Heaven? (vs. 1-21)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. Why are we tempted to desire people's approval (even our own) over God's blessings? (vs. 1-6,16-18)
2. How can we learn to desire God's Kingdom blessings alone?
3. Why are we tempted to value temporary things over the eternal? (vs. 19-21)
4. How can we learn to set our hearts on eternal, Kingdom things?
5. How can you transform some temporary things into eternal things this week?
6. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 1/28 – Psalm 1:1-3

Tuesday, 1/29 – Matthew 5:21-26

Wednesday, 1/30 – Matthew 5:27-32

Thursday, 1/31 – Matthew 5:33-42

Friday, 2/1 – Matthew 5:43-48

Saturday, 2/2 – Matthew 6:1-6

Sunday, 2/3 – Matthew 6:7-21