

The Sermon on the Mount is the most important important comprehensive teaching on how to live that Yeshua ever gave



24“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Matthew 7:24-25

The Constitution of the Kingdom

When we decided to teach through the Sermon on the Mount again as a community a year and a half ago, I had high hopes of how it would impact the Lighthouse community. Embarrassingly, I didn't have as high hopes for myself as I had after all taught through this nearly fifteen years ago and thought that I "had this down." Wow - I could not have been more wrong! Going through this teaching again has been significant for my walk with the Lord. It is one thing to understand the heart of something and another thing to consistently walk in it.

Part of what happened in me as we studied through this verse by verse was that I began to experience greater conviction related to falling short of Yeshua's mark in a number of ways. I saw in a fresh way the need to consistently re-up with Yeshua to enter the narrow gate path of aligning with His words and ways. I also began to talk to Him more about my deficiencies and asking for His help in working these upside-down kingdom components into my life in a greater way.

One of the things that has helped is that on average at least once a week on our nightly Zoom prayer calls we have prayed through parts of this sermon as a group. I realized that I need to be consistently pray-reading through these three chapters on a regular basis. I am convinced that as we are consistently in these chapters with the intent to apply them to our lives that we will see greater fruit and intimacy with Yeshua.

I look forward to summarizing the teaching tomorrow and hopefully sparking a greater love and dialogue in our hearts to not merely "check off" these chapters but to consistently be reading and prayerfully applying this sermon for the rest of our lives.