



If Jesus visited our church today, what would He say to us? What would He say about how we treat one another, how we live our lives, and the future? What's fascinating is that we actually know what He might think and say...all we have to do is look at the red letters. In many Bibles, Jesus' words stand apart—they're printed in red. We're going to look at these words to realign with what Jesus actually said and what that means for us today.

Part Two: WHAT ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS? Part 2

Text: Matthew 6 & 7

Discussion Questions: *The following are based on the "My Application" Questions found in the bulletin this week. Leader urge your group members to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering those questions before coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.*

- What "acts of righteousness" do you practice regularly? (Matthew 6:1-18) What are ways these can be done to ensure they are for God and not people's approval?
- Give some examples of Jesus' statement, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Why is it easier to live for God by simplifying our lifestyle?
- We all agree that lots of people have serious flaws. Why is judging others so unhelpful? (Matthew 7:1-5) Do you pray regularly for help with your own flaws?
- Read Matthew 7:13-23. What stands out to you? Are you traveling the narrow road? How do you know?

Memory Verse:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21

Application:

What one thing do I need to do or change this week in any of these categories?

- Living for the One who matters
- Living for the things that matter
- Dealing with your issues first
- Following the way of Jesus

Prayer Time:

- Ask the group if there is any point of application (above) that they need God’s help and power to address.
- Offer to open up a prayer time for those people.
- Have the group pray for them.