

THE RED LETTERS

What did Jesus *actually* say?

What About Righteousness? Part 2

Matthew 6 and 7

Righteousness is:

1. Living for the _____ who matters
2. Living for the _____ that matter
3. Dealing with your _____ first
4. Following the _____ of Jesus

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. 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