



Week 5: Gospel Correction

The Sermon on the Mount serves as the framework for our group identity as the people of God. Jesus lays out the values of the Kingdom in Matthew 5-7 that define who we are, but because of sin, it's not always how we act. We need other people in our lives who not only share these values, but who love us enough to let us know when we're not acting like who we really are. Transformation can't happen without gospel correction.

Discussion Questions:

1. Has anyone ever told you that you weren't acting like yourself? What was the indicator to them that something seemed off? How did you respond?
2. Our values shape our identity. We stop acting like ourselves when we violate something we value. As followers of Jesus, He has handed us our values in the Sermon on the Mount. **Read Matthew 5:3-10.** What are some of the Kingdom values listed here? What are some other Kingdom values in the Sermon on the Mount that come to mind (read the rest of Matthew 5 and/or 6 if you would like)?
3. **Read Matthew 7:1-5.** What does Jesus mean when he says, "Do not judge"? Has this statement or idea ever prevented you from correcting someone who had a character flaw or sin issue? What does the rest of the passage say about this idea? Has anyone ever done this for you? How did you respond? Did anything change?
4. **Read Galatians 6:1.** Why do you think we resist correcting another believer? What's at stake for that person when we resist? How can you make it easier for friends and group members to do this for you?
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the sermon this week?