



Message Outline - January 9

Trusting God's Care (Sermon on the Mount Review) -

Matthew 4:17-6:24

Main idea: The Sermon on the Mount is the good news of how to participate in God's present Kingdom.

Sermon on the Mount Summary

- Jesus answers the God-given questions all humans experience in life.
 - What can we count on? What is real?
 - What makes life good?
 - How can I become a good person?
 - How do I find security?
- Part 1: The Goodness of the Kingdom (Mt 4:17-5:16)
 - What can we count on? What is real?
God and his Kingdom action is real, present, and can be counted on. (4:17-25)
 - What makes life good?
God and his Kingdom make life good as we come to Jesus. (5:1-16)
- Part 2: The Character of Kingdom Love (Mt 5:17-48)
 - How do I become a good person?
In the Kingdom we become good as we practice laying down old ways of acting, thinking, and responding.
- Part 3: Living for an Audience of One (Mt 6:1-34)
 - How do I find security?
We grow in the Kingdom and find security, not in other's approval or in material possessions, but in God alone.

Worry/Anxiety (Mt 6:25, 33)

- Because God's Kingdom is available, near, and powerful, we do not need to worry!
- Worries reveal what we treasure.
- Worry is the body's way of processing fear.

- In the Kingdom we can have certainty and can learn how to let go of anxiety and worries.