



**Sermon on the Mount**

**Sunday, February 14th, 2016**

Jesus is telling us in the Sermon on the Mount about Life in the kingdom. He's telling people what it really means to follow Him. He is giving the call to kingdom living.

*How would you define the Kingdom of God? How would you describe what the Kingdom of Heaven looks like on earth?*

Read **Matthew 6:1-4** together as a group. Re-read again from a different translation.

*Why does Jesus begin this passage with a warning?*

*What is the reward Jesus speaks of in verses 1 and 4?*

Jesus is, yet again, speaking of the **inner being as being more important than the outward godliness** that following Him may bring.

*Where do you see your ego striving to be noticed the most? Where are you most desirous of 'getting credit'?*

*Why does Jesus put such great emphasis on secrecy about giving to the needy?*

In this new Kingdom, Jesus is saying that good things will be hidden and the bad things should be front and center. **Vulnerability** and **honesty** will define this kingdom.

*How do you become the kind of person willing to give in secrecy?*

*How do you become self-aware enough to know when your own selfish desires are driving your generosity?*

*How has Jesus given us freedom from trying to look good enough?*