

Sermon: Heartfelt Worship

Series: Revolution: Under the Hood

Bible Verses: Matthew 5:38-48 and Hebrews 11:13-16

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John 18:36: Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world..."

Jesus' kingdom is not _____. In other words, followers of Jesus shouldn't expect to have the same values and behaviors _____.

The greatest Christians recognized that this world was not their _____. We are "foreigners and strangers" here, and we are waiting for "a better country - _____." (Hebrews 11:13-16)

Jesus commands that if someone _____, we should offer the other one.

CORE VALUE #8: Pursuing Peace - "We value all human life and promote _____, understanding, reconciliation and _____ resolution of conflict."

Jesus suggests that we lay down our _____ for the benefit of others, even others who _____.

Jesus said that fighting would probably be _____ if his Kingdom was of this world, but _____.

Jesus' way of peace is confusing, for many people. The world teaches that " _____ " is the only rational way (or that the best way to stop violence is with _____).

The 3rd option, the way of Jesus' Kingdom, is to _____!

We should live our lives with a _____. If we always love others, we cannot retaliate but instead do good.

If I only _____ people who _____, I'm doing the same thing the rest of the world does. I am called to more than that!

This world isn't my home. It's my _____ where I am called to love every person, even those who come _____ me. It may mean eternal life, rather than eternal _____, for them!

Growth Group prep

- How would you rephrase up the sentence, "This world is not my home" to capture it's meaning?
- Imagine someone kicked in the door to your home, and had a gun. They said, "Give me some money!" Other than retaliating with violence what are two options you have? Remember, the goal isn't just to stay safe, it's to love this person (we even love our enemies).
- Why does the world think this is such a ridiculous idea?
- Discuss: Obviously there are times when completely innocent people are harmed. But, how often do you think someone is likely to face an evil and violent life or death situation if we are surrounding ourselves with the godly friends, avoiding the wrong places, loving people, and generally living a godly life? How many times have you faced life or death situation in 100% innocent circumstances?