

BEST. SERMON. EVER.



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT MATTHEW 5-7

Matthew 7:12

Golden Rule

3.28.2021

Small Group Discussion Guide

Opening Questions (pick one or two to answer as a group)

1. If there was a “golden rule” growing up in your home, what would it be?
2. Describe a time someone practiced the Golden Rule towards you.
3. Make a list of Golden Rule moments in the life of Jesus.

Main Points:

Three False Rules:

1. The Childish Rule: Treat others the way they treat you.
2. The Loyalty Rule: Treat your tribe the way you want to be treated.
3. The Do Nothing Rule: Don't do to others what you don't want done to you.

Two Building Blocks of the Golden Rule Life:

1. Confidence (you must have confidence in God to provide—Matthew 7:7-11)
2. Consistent Courage

Discussion Questions

1. How does the Golden Rule flow out of how Jesus treated you?
2. What is the relationship between verse 12 and the first seven verses of chapter 7?
3. Think about the three rules Pastor Bryan laid out—how have you seen yourself fall into following those rules instead of the Golden Rule?
4. Brainstorm together: What would our world look like if we all lived out the Golden Rule?
5. Is there someone whom you hesitate to demonstrate the Golden Rule? Who? Why do you think it is so difficult to treat that particular person the way you would like to be treated?
6. Think of situations where you have failed to live up to this high standard. What would you do differently?
7. How do you know “what we would want if we were them”?
8. Are there examples when living the Golden Rule might be unwise?
9. Identify a person or group that you want to respond to with love this week. How will you do it?