

## Matthew – Part 9

### Lessons from Jesus (Idols of the Soul)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Gospel of Matthew. Our topic today: Lessons from Jesus.

Scripture Theme Song: Praise Him the Heights (Ps. 148:1-4)

- 1) The importance of humility
  - a) Matthew 18:1 Why did the disciples ask this question?
  - b) Luke 9:46; Mark 9:33-34 – contention
  - c) Matthew 20:20-24 – the request of the mother of James and John. Why were the ten greatly displeased?
  - d) Matthew 18:2-4 – teaching of Jesus
  - e) In what ways should we be like little children?
    - i) Trusting; obedient; teachable
  - f) Philippians 2:1-11 – the greatest example of humility
  - g) 1 Peter 5:5-6 – a promise for the humble
  - h) Why is humility such an important characteristic for followers of Jesus?
- 2) The importance of caring for children
  - a) Matthew 18:5-6
  - b) Matthew 18:10
  - c) Matthew 18:14
  - d) Matthew 19:13-15
  - e) What other examples do you find in the Gospel story of Jesus caring for children?
  - f) What important lesson can we learn from the example of Jesus?
- 3) The importance of forgiveness
  - a) Matthew 18:21 – Why does Peter suggest forgiving up to seven times?
  - b) Matthew 18:22-35 – a parable of forgiveness
  - c) How will we live if we have truly accepted God's forgiveness for our sins?
    - i) We will forgive others.
    - ii) We will love much. (Luke 7:47)
  - d) Matthew 18:15-20 – forgiveness in the church
  - e) Share a time when you learned an important lesson about forgiveness.
- 4) The importance of living for God rather than for money, power, or prestige
  - a) Matthew 19:16-22 – (see also Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 18:18-23) What is this rich young ruler's problem?
  - b) What other distractions are there besides money?
  - c) Matthew 18:8-9 Share a time when you had to make a drastic change in order to remove a hindrance to following Jesus.
  - d) Matthew 19:23-24 Why is it hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven?
  - e) Matthew 19:27-30 – What can we learn from Peter's question and the response of Jesus?
  - f) Why is citizenship in the kingdom of heaven more important than anything else? (Philippians 3:8-11)