Outline #5  The Invitation of Jesus: “Come to Me”

1. The promise of Jesus to give rest for our souls
   a) Matthew 11:28 What is necessary on our part in order to receive rest for our souls from Jesus?
   b) The verb “Come” is an imperative—a command or earnest appeal. Why is this invitation of Jesus so urgent?
   c) Anyone can offer rest. How can we be certain Jesus is able to fulfill His promise? Matthew 11:27
   d) What hinders people from coming to Jesus and finding rest for their souls? Matthew 11:21-24, Romans 10:14
   e) What burdens might Satan tempt us to pick up in an attempt to disrupt our rest in Jesus?

2. The yoke Jesus offers
   a) Matthew 11:29-30 What is a yoke? What does Jesus mean when He says, “Take My yoke upon you”?
   b) A disciple is a learner. What lessons do we need to “learn” from Jesus?
   c) When did Jesus call you to become His disciple (to learn from Him)? How has your life changed since you responded to His invitation?

3. Modeling gentleness and meekness
   a) Matthew 11:29 What does it mean to be gentle and lowly in heart?
   b) The apostle Paul speaks of the “meekness and gentleness of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:1). Give examples of Jesus modeling meekness and gentleness.
   c) Why is the characteristic of meekness so important for a disciple of Jesus? Matthew 5:5, Isaiah 57:15

4. The pleasant yoke
   a) Matthew 11:30 Why is the yoke Jesus offers us “easy” or “pleasant”?
   b) The New Testament speaks of trying to save ourselves by our own good works as a yoke of bondage (Galatians 5:1). When did you come to the realization that salvation comes through connecting with Jesus as your loving and merciful Savior?

5. The light burden
   a) Matthew 11:30 What is the light burden Jesus offers in exchange for our heavy burdens? (see Luke 10:2)
   b) Review the life of Jesus. Where do you see evidences of His burden for the lost? Luke 19:10
   c) Why is His burden light? Hebrews 12:1-3
   d) How does caring for the lost fulfill the law of Christ? Galatians 6:2
   e) Share a time when you felt a burden for those who don’t know Jesus. How did you respond?