

LIVING THE KINGDOM LIFE

The Golden Rule - 10/27/19

OVERVIEW

Everyone wants to be loved. We want to be seen, understood, valued, and/or taken care of. We long for these things; we wish for them. But we often don't take the first step to making them a reality in our own lives. What would it look like to give love, to really see, understand, and value those around us first, before they ever think to do the same?

Scripture (all ESV): Matthew 7:12-14, 7:28-29, and 22:34-40; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:13-15; John 13:34-35, 14:6, and 15:12; Luke 11:13; 2 Peter 3:9

APPLICATION

- Maybe it was to own your own company, or fly in an airplane, or buy those Air Jordan shoes. Share a childhood wish that you had that came true.
- Many times, we have wishes that are deep needs that have been unmet in our lives. Craig gave us some examples like we wish to be loved, cherished, valued, respected, accepted and supported. What is something you wish for (you long for) deep inside?
- Matthew 7:12 says, "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." In other words, make your wish somebody else's dream come true. Knowing the desire you wish for in the last question, how can you practically give this to others around you? For instance if you are longing to be respected, how can you show respect to someone who might be hard to respect?
- Andy Stanley says, "Vertical love for God was to be manifested through one's horizontal love for their neighbors." If only your love for others demonstrated your love for God, how would other's view your love for God? Is there someone who might not be seeing God's love in your actions?
- No sermon is finished until you have applied it. What is one thing you are going to do this week to show your love for God by loving others? Does your response to someone need to change?
- Homework: Think of the thing you wish for. Look up scripture verses that talk about that topic. Do a Google search - "Scripture verses on _____." See what God says about these topics and ask Him to help you as you love people well.