

THE KING SPEAKS

a Study in the Sermon On The Mount | Daily Devotion
Week 2 – September 10-14, 2012
Rising to the Challenge| Matthew 5:10-16

In this week's Daily Devotion we'll look at Matthew 5:10-16. Each of these days gives you opportunity to ponder a few verses and let these challenging words of Jesus take up residence in your mind and heart.

When we seek input from family and friends we are seeking the wisdom of those we trust about what is important in life. But God's desires come from an eternal perspective. Living out this clarity of purpose disrupts desires oriented around our temporal needs and leads us to a laser focused kingdom priority.

Day One

Read Matthew 5:10-16

God's kingdom is a radical departure from the values and ways of the world. The transformation inwardly creates differing standards for different reasons. Take note today of where living with the end in sight leads you.

Day Two

Read Matthew 5:10-12

Think about the many decisions you make each day from the biggest to the smallest. Write down one area where a decision you make or action you take today might become more intentional and strategic in the big picture of what Christ values.

Day Three

Read Jesus words in Matthew 5:13

In light of Romans 12:1-2, how will you continue to expose yourself to truth on a regular basis?

Day Four

Read Matthew 5:14, Romans 13:11-14 and Ephesians 5:8-5

As you go through today, find two opportunities today to bring light into the lives of others through the visibility of goodness, righteousness and truth.

Day Five

Read again Matthew 5:13-16

God is up to something. He's doing something in your world and you are invited to play a role. Today meditate on the part that you could play in God's unfolding plan of calling those in your world into his kingdom.