

## YOU'VE HEARD IT SAID Pt 3 "Where We Find Ourselves"

### WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES (as an assessment)

Where do we find ourselves?

### WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES (a question)

Where do I find myself? (where I actually am & also how will I discover who I am to be?)

"To be human is to be animated and oriented by some vision of the 'good life.'" (Jamie Smith)

### Matthew 5:6 NIV

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

### FINDING YOURSELF

You find yourself at the end of desire.

We need a foundation that can support the weight of our desire.

### WAY No. 1: WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES (An Assessment of our World)

#### VALUES & SYSTEMS

Where ever order emerges from chaos, you will find a system.  
Systems are often built on values that aren't the highest value.

The ordering of the world was for human flourishing in Genesis.

### Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the **government** will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his **government** and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness (*dikaio syne*) from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

### WHAT HAPPENS?

- We we feast on the tree of knowledge end up dependent upon the Law.
- The Law is insufficient to govern humans in the way we are truly designed to live.

## **WHAT IT TAKES TO LIVE**

(the foundation of righteousness)

The need to know how we are to live is critical information for every person.

Plato: 375 BC

Septuagint: 285 BC

## **Matthew 6:33 NIV**

But seek first his kingdom and his *righteousness*,

## **2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **WAY No. 2: WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES (An Assessment of our Identity)**

### **REORIENTING OURSELVES**

The beatitudes introduce the character of the Kingdom and describe the surprising recipients of God's blessings.

### **OUR IDENTITY**

We find ourselves at the end of what desire.

### **TAKE AN AUDIT**

#### **Audit Access**

- What kinds of things have access to your head and heart?
- What kinds of 'systems' monitor this access?

#### **Audit Words**

- What kinds of words come out of your mouth most easily?
- How careful are you with how your words affect others?
- How careful are you with how your words are consistent with what is actually real?
  - Are you prone to use words to manipulate to preserve, project, or protect a perception?
  - Are you prone to twist the words of others to get your way or prove your point?

#### **Audit Allegiances**

What kinds of allegiances do you hold that work against reconciliation?