

“The Golden Rule”

Matthew 7:12

Today's BIG IDEA:

We should treat others the way that God treats us.

1. What we **DESIRE** (v.12a)

A. We want _____
(Matthew 5:21,27,38; 6:2; 7:1)

B. We want _____
(Matthew 5:24,38,40,44)

C. We want _____
(Matthew 5:31,37; 6:5)

2. What we should **DO** (v.12b)

3. What the Father **DISPLAYS** (v.12c)

A. The _____ of the Word
(Matthew 22:37-40)

B. The _____ of the Lord
(Matthew 5:17)

- *Jesus didn't just teach the Golden Rule. He lived it out perfectly.*

3. What we should **DISCOVER** (v.12c)

A. Have I been _____?

B. Have I been _____?

C. Have I been _____?

D. Have I been _____?

- *We can't get to heaven by being a **good person**. We can only get to heaven by being a **saved person**.*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What would the Golden Rule look like if you lived it out perfectly? How would you treat people differently?
2. Why is it so hard to keep the Golden Rule? What hinders us from treating others the right way?
3. Why is it so important that Jesus kept the Golden Rule perfectly? How does that give us hope?