KINGDOM *of* HEAVEN

A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Matthew 7:1-12

(Sermon from Sunday 25 June 2023, Brett France)

1. Information

a) Read the passage at least twice in different versions

b) Fill in any info that didn't make it to the sermon

- There is additional information in the CG Guide on page 46-48
    - The one line at the top of pg 48 of the CG Guide is very helpful in understating the Golden Rule. If I had more time, I would have camped out on the Golden Rule as the essence of the teachings from the Sermon on The Mount.

- If you missed the sermon, I recommend watching the sermon on our YouTube channel as this is a recording of the 10am (or listening to the podcast), as I feel I was clearer and more succinct at the 10am.

i) Questions to help guide your group

- Jesus uses the same argument style through verses 1-6 and 7-11 - Statement, Explanation, Example, Teaching. Have you found that people tend to use the statement as what should be lived by instead of the teaching?
- How does the Teaching of "look within before judging others" differ from the Statement of "judge not"?
- How does this teaching work itself out in your life?
- How does the Teaching of "our Father loves to give good gifts" differ from the Statement of "ask, seek & knock?"
- How does this teaching work itself out in your life?
- The Golden Rule. How you doing in living it out?
- Use Philippians 2:3 as a supporting verse.

c) **Answer any questions the group might have**

2. <u>Activation</u>

- In what practical ways can we treat people as we want to be treated this week?