



Date & Sermon Series:

September 16/17, 2017; Unfolded

Speaker: Mark Batterson

Scripture Focus: Matthew 5-7

Note to Leaders:

This weekend we talked how Jesus came to disorient our thinking and to challenge the status quo. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow. You can also use these questions on your own to dive deeper into this week's sermon.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Specific Questions:

1. What areas in your life need to be disoriented? What have you always been doing that God may be asking you to change or do differently?
2. What does a paradigm shift or a factory preset look like in your life right now? How does God want to reprogram the way you think, believe, and live?
3. Pastor Mark said, "Meekness is someone who is not trying to impress others, checking their ego at the door, and operating in a spirit of humility. Where is the evidence of meekness in your life?"

4. Read John 13:3. Pastor Mark stated this passage shows that Jesus knew his identity and his authority, his history and his destiny, which set him up to serve others. What is your identity? Authority? History? Destiny? What does knowing *your* identity and authority in Christ, your history and destiny, set you up to do?

5. What habits or reflexes are you conditioned to in your relationships with others? How can you rely on God to help recondition your habits?

6. According to Romans 12, where in your life are you conforming to culture, and how can you lean into the grace of God for transformation?

Diving Deeper:

Read Matthew 5,6, and 7

- What is important about the Sermon on the Mount? What makes the Sermon on the Mount counter-cultural?
- Besides turning the other cheek, what are some disorienting paradigms that Jesus challenges us with in the Sermon on the Mount? Why does he do this?