

“Red Letter Words: Come Unto Me”

Matthew 11:20-30

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Reflect on the Text

*Note: Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible itself. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

- Read Matthew 11:20-30. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 When was the last time you felt anxious, or felt that you needed rest?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in **one phrase or sentence** (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

WOE AND WARNING FOR THE ARROGANT

- 3 Why did Jesus intentionally compare the Jewish people’s response, or lack of response, to that of the people in Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom?
- 4 Adam said, “High horse comparisons keep us from getting the gospel. Looking down on others becomes our daily nourishment. Are you arrogant? When you go the mall who do you judge or despise? Who do you compare yourself to in order to validate yourself?

REST FOR THE CHILDREN

- 5 Jesus said that the Father reveals himself to children. In your own words describe the characteristics and/or dispositions of children.

- 6 Explain what Adam meant when he said, “I came, but God did the bringing”. What comfort/assurance do God’s sovereignty and election give to the believer? (Try to come up with an answer even if you disagree with these doctrines.)

REST UNDER THE GOSPEL YOKE

- 7 What did Adam mean when he said, “There is no yokeless living”?
- 8 Miley Cyrus used to be Hannah Montana. How are both ways of living (the good Hannah and the bad Miley) just different ways to run from God?
- 9 Adam said, “Under the yoke of the gospel there is no condemnation”. What are some things that you can thank God for not condemning?

Final Reflections

- How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for God and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?