



Succeeding with Jesus

Matthew 5, 6, 7

The World Today

- Job 24:1 – 3 (maybe the world always!)
 - Boundary stones are moving every day
- Our world is very impatient
 - But with God things are different
 - Psalm 37:1 – 9

Listening to Jesus

- Matthew 5:3 – 8
 - Should we fit in our impatient world?
 - Poor in spirit, those who mourn, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted
 - You, when people persecute you

still listening?

- 6:8 Do Not Be Like Them
- How are we different from them (the world?)
- Who are they:
 - Gentiles, heathen
 - Jews, hypocrites, religious people

still listening?

- What does the contrast look like?
- two kinds of fasting, two treasures, two masters, two ways to see, two preoccupations with life, two gates, two roads, two kinds of trees and two ways to hear Jesus...

practical

- We need to be clear about what Jesus offered.
 - His definitions of success don't look anything like what our world celebrates.
- The “god of this age” is not making this easy. That may be a blessing.