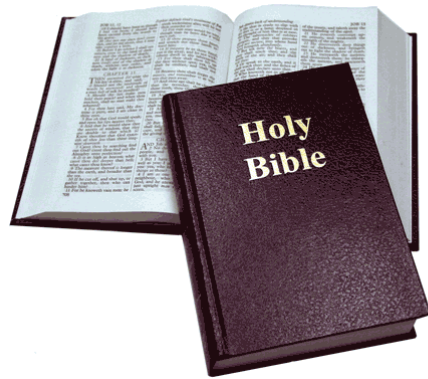


The Sermon on the Mount

STUDY 26

Reading: Matthew 7:12-14



Pilgrim's Progress

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 18th/Wednesday 19th March 2014

- 1) Verse 12 is often described as 'The Golden Rule'. *Why does it deserve such a lofty title and how does it follow on from the previous passage?*
- 2) What does Jesus mean in verse 12 when He says that this 'Rule' is "*the Law and the Prophets*"?
- 3) At first glance verses 12 and 13 introduce completely new subjects. *How do they fit into the bigger picture of the Sermon at this point?*
- 4) How does Jesus' use of the pictures of gates and roads illustrate the path of discipleship?
- 5) In what ways does one way differ so much from the other when it comes to the journey of discipleship?

In John Bunyan's book *Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian spots a route that will be easier on his feet. He ignores the warning from his travelling companion that this By-Path Meadow will take them further off their path to the Celestial City; saying that it runs alongside where they need to be going. The trouble is that it ends up diverging more and more from the right way; and leads directly to danger:
- 6) In what practical ways can we end up following 'Christian's' example in moving away from Jesus' teaching on the narrow way?