



July 24th-30th, 2011

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# FOCUS



We are constantly bombarded with messages about who we are and what we should value. There are a myriad of voices jockeying for our attention. There are screens everywhere we look. What voices are you listening to? Into the noise Jesus speaks to us: Build on a strong foundation by obeying. Beware of false prophets. You can tell a tree by its fruit. Narrow is the way that leads to heaven, broad is the highway to hell. Do to others what you'd have them do to you. Let Jesus provoke you to FOCUS.

<b>o Monday 7.25.11</b>		<b>Matthew 7.12</b>
<b>o Tuesday 7.26.11</b>		<b>Mark 12.28-34</b>
<b>o Wednesday 7.27.11</b>		<b>Luke 10.25-37</b>
<b>o Thursday 7.28.11</b>		<b>Luke 22.24-28</b>
<b>o Friday 7.29.11</b>		<b>John 13.1-17</b>
<b>o Saturday 7.30.11</b>		<b>John 15.9-17</b>

*As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:*

- .What does this passage teach me about God? What does it say is true about me and my IDENTITY as a child of God?
- .How does my practice of my faith and my view of the world need to change, according to what I've learned from this passage?
- .One specific next step I'm going to take this week is:

## Discussion Questions

.The Jewish Talmud stated: "What is hateful to you, do not do to anyone else." Similar statements are also found in Hinduism, Buddhism and Greek & Roman teaching. How does Jesus' command in the Golden Rule (vs. 12) go beyond this?

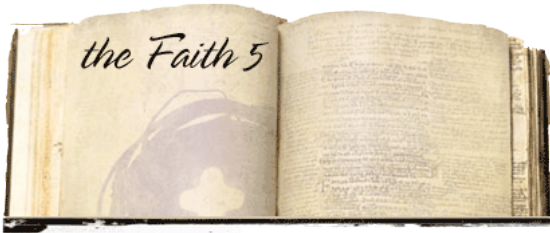
.What is the difference between an inactive or passive command ("do not do") and an active command ("do to others")? Why is Jesus' subtle restatement so powerful?

.In what ways does the Golden Rule "sum up the Law and the Prophets"?

.Romans 13:8-10 explains how love is both the focus and the fulfillment of the 10 Commandments. What do you think?

.Prayerfully reflect on this passage throughout the next week.

.Consider a few actions you can take to "fulfill the law" by loving to the people in your sphere of influence.



*Share* your highs & lows of the day

*Read* the Scripture in the Bible

*Talk* about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

*Pray* about your highs & lows, family, world

*Bless* one another

## Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 7.12

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 4.2

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 13.9

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 4.8

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ John 13.35

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ John 15.12

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Philippians 2.13

**Blessing:** May your love of others lead them to Christ.