



New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes

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“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” – Mark 12:30

“Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” - Matthew 10:38

Jesus is for us loving God

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 7:21

“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:50

Matthew 7:24 says 24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Jesus is for obeying God

Matt 11: 28-30, Jesus says “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matt 21:22 Jesus says “And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith”

Jesus is for prayer

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only” - Matt 4:10

“Let your light shine that others may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven” - Matt 5:14

Jesus is for serving God

“The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Mark 12: 31-33

Jesus is for loving people

Matt 20:28 “Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many”

. Matt 25:35-36 says “For I was hungry and you gave me food, for I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me”

Further reads in Matthew chapters 10 & 15

Jesus is for serving people

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered, I tell you, not seven times, but 77 times! - Matt 18:21-22

Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven – Luke 6:37

Jesus is for forgiveness

Matt 12:35 - “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... a good person brings forth good, an evil person brings forth evil...it’s a matter of the heart.”

Jesus is for having a heart for God

Further read Matthew 5:1-12 “ The Beatitudes”

Jesus is for YOU!