Mountain Talk Week 1: 2-6-22

1. Jesus introduces His

"Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them..."

Matthew 5:1–2 (NIV)

2. Today's Raging _____

"You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, , and disobedient to their parents ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly."

2 Timothy 3:1-5a (NLT)

3. _____ Ministry.

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. ¹⁹ So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. ²⁰ "But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!"

Matthew 5:17-20 (NLT)

- A. Every Boundary is full of ______.
- B. Every Purpose is Found in _____.
- C. Embracing Jesus Means ______ Boundaries.

4. Disciples Are Designed to _____

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

A. Salt – Attractive F_____.

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him."

Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

B. Light – R_____ God.

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:22-23 (NIV)

* God's Way is Attractive:

...because it's d_____.

...because it w_____.

Two Things to Ask.

1. Of Myself: Am I a _____?

2. Of God: What Boundaries do I Need to _____?

Next Week: Matthew 5:21-26 - "The Heart of Murder"