

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Isaiah 55:8-9

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount stood in stark contrast to the religious leaders of the day

They were externally focused (behave/act right) ... but Jesus was internally focused Matthew 6:19-21

A challenge for EACH of us – to get really serious about our devotion to Almighty God



Matthew 5:1-12 Jesus' teaching flips the script

God's vision of what a blessed life might look like is perhaps a little different than ours



The Book of Matthew is written to a Jewish audience

Matthew 4:17

Jesus was clearly proclaiming the King had officially arrived!

Matthew 4:23-25

Word was spreading all throughout Syria and large crowds were starting to flock around Jesus (what would He do next)

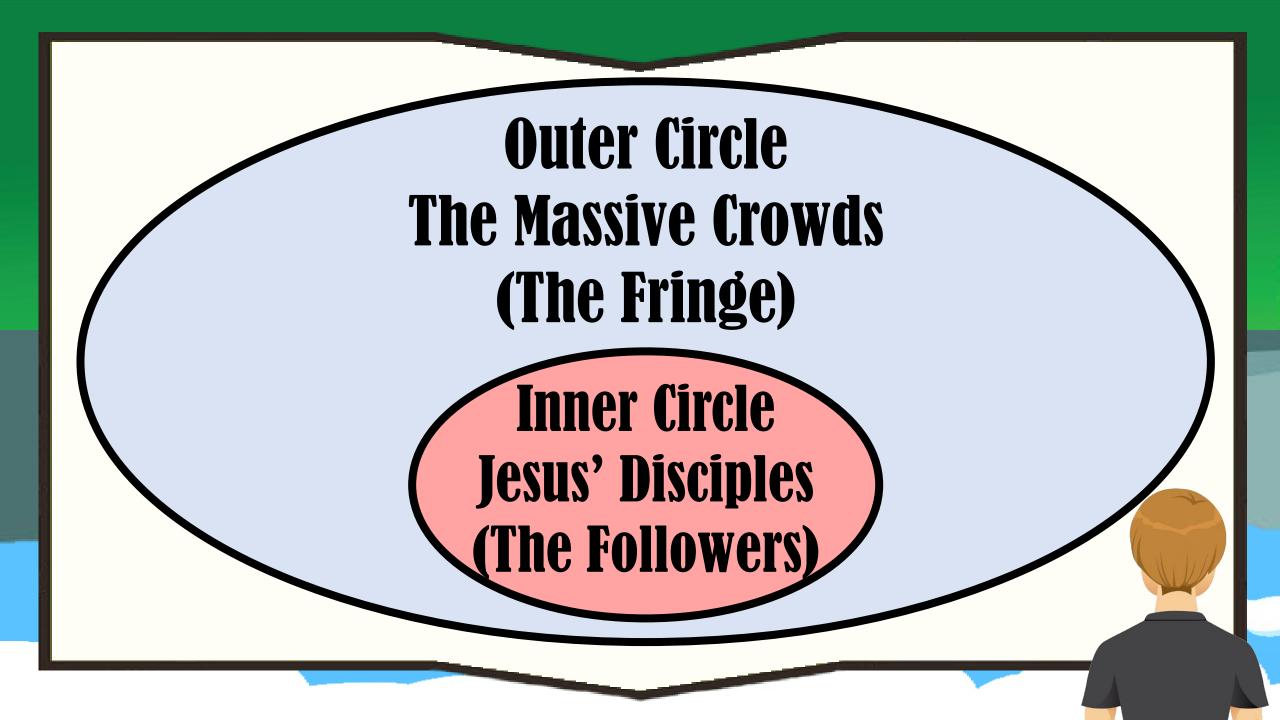
Matthew 5:1-2

"He sat down" – this was the customary way for a Rabbi (or Teacher) to instruct

Matthew 7:28-29 What Jesus was teaching was radical, it was freely offered to those who have normally been looked down upon

Matthew 9:10-13

It's best to see Jesus' teaching delivered in TWO circles:



Luke 9:57-62

Following Jesus WASN'T and ISN'T always Easy!!!

Receiving MORE Christ comes with MORE opposition from the world

DON'T miss the glorious beauty that is available through persecution

John 15:18-27

The way we respond to what we face is a bold testimony and it is observed by the ever-watching world

What Jesus is teaching in the beatitudes is something which He lived perfectly

At NO point does God ask us for something that He's NOT first mastered and that He WON'T change us to become!

SO WHAT?