

Sermon Study

The Golden Rule in Life
Mathew 7:12

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Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



AUTHOR'S NOTES (summary of key points for this study)

God's Kingdom puts others first

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

I'll assume you've heard the "Golden Rule" before. Who taught it to you and did you know it was in scripture?

Go
(your group on mission)
So put others first. Specifically this week, as an individual AND as a group, choose one person outside of your group and lovingly meet their need. Be strategic, find a particular need and go all out.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Scripture: Matthew 7:12 (ESV): The Golden Rule

Discussion

1. Start with prayer.
2. Review Matthew 7:12.
3. Spend time reviewing the Sunday sermon. What stood out to you? What do you now understand differently?
4. Versions of this mantra are found in other Greek and Roman writings. Does that bother you? Are you excited or squeamish when finding similar themes in extra-biblical writings?

5. Other forms of the rule are referred to as “negative” versions. For example, Rabbi Hillel said, “What is hurtful to you, do not do to others. This is the Torah, the rest is commentary. Go and learn it.” What’s different about Jesus’ words?

6. Some read the Matthew 7:12 think it selfishly motivated, others think it the epitome of selflessness. How do you read it and what does it teach you about Jesus?

Give
(your group serving each other)

This scripture summarizes the teachings of all the other laws and the prophets. It shows the very character of God, and should be the essence of our character as well. So, take time to allow group members to express any tangible needs they have. Then as a group find some solutions.