

Living Out The Golden Rule
Matthew 7:12

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“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Open Your Heart and Mind

- Does being nice to others generally come naturally to you or do you have to work at it?

- What type of situations really push your buttons? (How about different cultures, lifestyle choices etc.)

Finding God in His Word

- It's subtle, but Jesus does not say do to others as they do to you, He says, do as you would HAVE them do to you. Why is this a subtle but necessary distinction? What does the distinction mean as we seek to live out the Golden Rule?

- Is it even possible to live out Matthew 7:12 consistently as a non-believer? Why or why not?

- Have you ever turned an "enemy" into a friend?

- Talk about other stories in the Bible that demonstrate how to treat others:
 - Joseph forgiving his brothers, Genesis 50:15-21
 - David forgiving Saul, 1 Samuel 24
 - The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37

- How does the Great Commandment relate to The Golden Rule?

Matthew 22:36-40, *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*
Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Live the Christ Life

1. Do you think the Golden Rule has an effect in bringing people to Christ?

2. What can we do to help us live out the Golden Rule?

“LOVE GOD AND LOVE OTHERS”