

FEB 21st, 2021

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Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to do to others what we would have them do to us. Rom. 7:25; Eph. 2:21-10

It is the \_\_\_\_\_ in us that is the key to living out \_\_\_\_\_.

Rather than telling us to \_\_\_\_\_ at something he knows we're incapable of, Jesus invites us to go straight to the source of all the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to be \_\_\_\_\_. John 14:15-21; Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 11:13; Rom. 8:1-6; 11-14; Eph. 1:17-20; Eph. 3:16-20

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Citizens of the Kingdom of God \_\_\_\_\_ who they care and look out for, who they \_\_\_\_\_ . John 13:1-17; 2. Cor. 5:16-20; Matt. 5:38-48

An invitation to prayer: " \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ." Eph. 3:14-21

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

"How's that working for you?" How satisfied are you with how well you love God and love others?

Who comes to mind as the person or people hardest for you to "do unto" as you want done to you? Make a list of how you wish they treated you.

What does it look like in your life right now for you to ask, seek, and knock? Practically, how do you do this?

Do you feel like you are part of a community here at Sunridge, a church family asking, seeking, and knocking on God's door together? A community of people putting ourselves in a position to receive from God, together? If so, share about that. If not, why not, do you think? Would you like to be?

Is there a person or groups of people you have quietly, or loudly on social media, deemed unworthy of your life-giving care? Spend some time reflecting on John 13:1-17. How does this story speak to you?

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Jesus NEVER EXPECTED US to be able to do to others what we would have them do to us. Rom. 7:25; Eph. 2:21-10

It is the HOLY SPIRIT in us that is the key to living out THE GOLDEN RULE.

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Citizens of the Kingdom of God DO NOT LIMIT who they care and look out for, who they LOVE LIKE JESUS DID. John 13:1-17; 2. Cor. 5:16-20; Matt. 5:38-48

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