



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Call Me Rose || Pastor Brian Zahnd || August 30, 2020

1. Have you ever gone thrift store shopping? If so, what did you find?
2. Do you consider yourself to be a naturally empathetic person? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 7:12-14

3. In what way is the Sermon on the Mount the “constitution” of the Kingdom of God?
4. Pastor Brian said, “If you can inhabit the experience of the one who is radically other than yourself through contemplation, then, and only then, can you begin to love the other as you love yourself and thus advocate for justice on their behalf.” How do we go about inhabiting the experience of the other?
5. Take a moment to reflect on someone who is radically different than you. What is that person like? How would you feel if that person lived in your neighborhood?
6. How is the golden rule (Matthew 7:12) connected to the narrow gate (Matthew 7:13)?

Jesus teaches the golden rule within the Hebrew prophetic tradition. Read Isaiah 58:6-8

7. What value is there in fasting? What is Isaiah calling us to fast from?
8. Who do you feel most drawn to in Isaiah’s list of those in need: the one suffering injustice, the imprisoned, the burdened, the oppressed, the bound (*let’s assume these are addicts*), the hungry, the homeless, or the ill-clothed?
9. How does salvation and healing come to you when you serve those in need?
10. What new habit do you need to integrate into your life to grow in awareness of those who are broken and needy around you?