

Needless Repetition?

Matthew 15:29-38

Review:

1. Jesus' miracles of healing and feeding prove that He is not only a prophet, but the Holy One of Israel, the Lord Who spoke through the prophets
2. Jesus' miracles prove both His power and His love, that He is both willing and able to help us
3. Sometimes, Scripture repeats important points because we have a difficult time learning its lessons.

Reflect:

1. Think back on how God has demonstrated His power and His love for you by answering your prayers. How does remembering God's blessings in the past fuel your faith in the present?

Go further: Read John 1:1-18

1. What three things does John say about the Word in verse 1?
2. According to verse 3, what did the Word make?
3. In verse 4, what does John say is in the Word? How does John describe this life?
4. What two things does verse 5 tell us about the light?
5. According to verse 6, who sent John the Baptist?
6. According to verse 7, what was John the Baptist's job? What was the goal of John the Baptist's ministry?
7. In verse 9, what does John say the Light does?
8. In verse 10, how does John describe the world's reaction to Jesus?
9. In verse 11, how does John say Jesus' own people treated Him?
10. What right does John say Jesus gives to those who do receive Him?
11. How does John say those who believe in Jesus' name are not born? What is the true source of their birth?
12. In verse 14, what two things has the Word done? How does John describe His glory?
13. Of what two things does John say the Word is full?
14. According to verse 15, how does John the Baptist describe Jesus? Why does John the Baptist say Jesus should be preferred over him?
15. In verse 16, what does John say Christ's people have received from Him?
16. What does John say was given through Moses? What has come through Jesus?
17. According to verse 18, who is the only one who can declare the truth about God to human beings? Why does John say this is the case?

Summary and Application:

1. In this passage, John calls Jesus the Word, the Light, the Christ, and the only begotten Son of the Father. What does each of these titles tell you about Jesus? Which title is most meaningful to you and why?
2. In this passage, John says that Jesus gives to His people life, grace, truth, and the right to become children of God. For which of these gifts are you the most grateful and why?
3. In this passage, John tells us that Jesus, the Word of God and the Son of God, became a human being and lived among us. Why is this important to you?
4. How does knowing about Jesus' identity, His power and His love make a difference in your life?