The Kingdom Manifesto (part 2)

Read Matthew 6—7

- 1. Read Matthew 6:1-18. In a sentence, what is the main theme here?
- 2. What are people saying when they call Christians "a bunch of dogooders"? Why might this be meant as a slur on Christians, rather than a compliment?
- 3. What reward might the Father give to those who do their good deeds in secret?
- 4. Read Matthew 6:19-24. Billy Graham says: "If a person gets his attitude to money straight then it helps to straighten out every other issue in his life." Thoughts? In which way does "Money" make promises for those things that ultimately only God can give?
- 5. Why did Jesus link 6:25-34 (and the subject of worry) to 6:19-24? See v25 "Therefore."
- 6. Read Matthew 7:1-5. Is Dot Cotton (Eastenders) a good role model for the Christian faith? Steve suggested that religious people are portrayed in two ways on television drama. What were those ways?
- 7. What is the antidote to having a judgemental attitude?
- 8. If Jesus had said "Don't do to others what you would not have them do to you" it would have been so much easier! Do you agree and why? (Matthew 6:12)
- 9. Read Matthew 6:13-14. As you reflect on the Kingdom Manifesto (Matthew 5—7) are you walking on the narrow road or the broad road?
- 10. Read Matthew 6:21. What is the main lesson here? In the context of the Sermon on the Mount what is the will of God for us?