God wants Me Just as I Am

# Mt 5:1-16 25 Aug 2019

1. Between Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses and David, who is your favorite Bible character? How important was he? How imperfect was he? With God, why doesn’t imperfect necessarily cancel out important?
2. What does success and winning look like for you? Would success be easier if you had a different temperament, looks, physique, situation, spouse, etc.? Why is God always interested in things other than our beauty, strength, and ability?
3. In Matt 5:4 it says that those who mourn will be comforted. What if your mourning is partly, or mostly, your own fault? Why might God still comfort you? Why might that be more valuable to your spiritual growth than having done things perfectly?
4. How does Jesus’ command to be ‘wise as serpents but gentle as doves’ help us understand being meek, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers? How are these things wise?
5. In verse 13, what is it about us—our saltiness—that God uses to preserve the goodness in the world?
6. Read verses 14-16. What is a new way you are going to let your light shine this year? What will be God’s message to the world that he gives through all of us together?