**Morning sermon series: Heaven Meets Earth**

 **"Heart’s Desire"** (Matthew 10v32-42)

What you love you will be loyal to, what you’re loyal to you live for, and what you’re living for you’ll suffer for.

It is our attachment, or lack of it, to Jesus that determines eternal destiny.

**1) Welcoming and Wanting Jesus** (v40-42, v32-33)

Jesus says – if I send someone to you, and you take them in, then you take me in, and that means you welcome my Father who is in heaven (v40). The outcome is disproportionately gracious – we do simple things that reflect our heart allegiance to Christ, his words and his people (v40-42, v33) … and can be confident of belonging to the Father and his kingdom!

*Are we welcoming Christ more and more into our hearts and lives? What does it look like when we are welcoming Him (internally and externally)?*

**2) Treasuring Jesus** (v34-39)

When Heaven Meets Earth there is a clash of kingdoms, bringing division that tests deep human allegiances and loyalties (v34-37). As we see Jesus for who He truly is, our love and heart desire for HIM will increasingly set us free to go after and follow him (v37-38). To gain HIM, is to find LIFE, and so to become the individuals and church family he made us to be (v39).

*What is the primary desire and longing that makes sense of everything else for you? What happens when we are driven by something other than knowing Christ personally for ourselves?*

Following and taking our cross (v38) includes giving our lives away in missional love like Christ did (John12v23-26), as we saw last Sunday.

We must go to Christ to be with Him, to know Him – gazing at him in his word and in prayer will bring a longing for him personally that takes us deeper into communion with him … and there’s a promise in Psalm 37v4, ‘Delight yourself in the LORD, in him, and he will give you the desires of your heart.’

**Heaven Meets Earth When We Welcome and Treasure Christ Himself!**

**Evening sermon series: Song of the King**

 **Psalm 36**