



**TOOWOOMBA
VINEYARD
CHURCH**

The Way of Jesus

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Sunday	Passage	Topic
May 21	Matt 5:1-12	Blessing
<i>May 28</i>	—	—
June 4	Matt 5:17-20	Law
June 11	Matt 5:21-37	Law II
June 18	Matt 5:38-48	Love
June 25	Matt 6:1-6	Humility
July 2	Matt 6:7-15	Prayer
July 9	Matt 6:19-24	Treasure
July 16	Matt 6:25-34	Worry
July 23	Matt 7:1-5	Judgement
July 30	Matt 7:24-29	Obedience

Sunday/s	What's Happening
August 6	Vision update/what's next?
August 13	Week off
August 20–September 24	Colossians: A story of reconciliation
October 1	Week off (National Conference)
October 8-22	Demonstrating the Kingdom
October 29	Commissioning Service 

The Way of Jesus: Season Finale

Obedience

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

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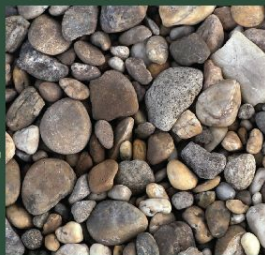
1. A God exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself
4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem
5. Good people go to heaven when they die

Matthew 7:24-27

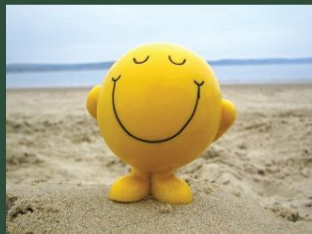
Those who hear Jesus' words

DO put them
into practice

Do NOT put them
into practice



House
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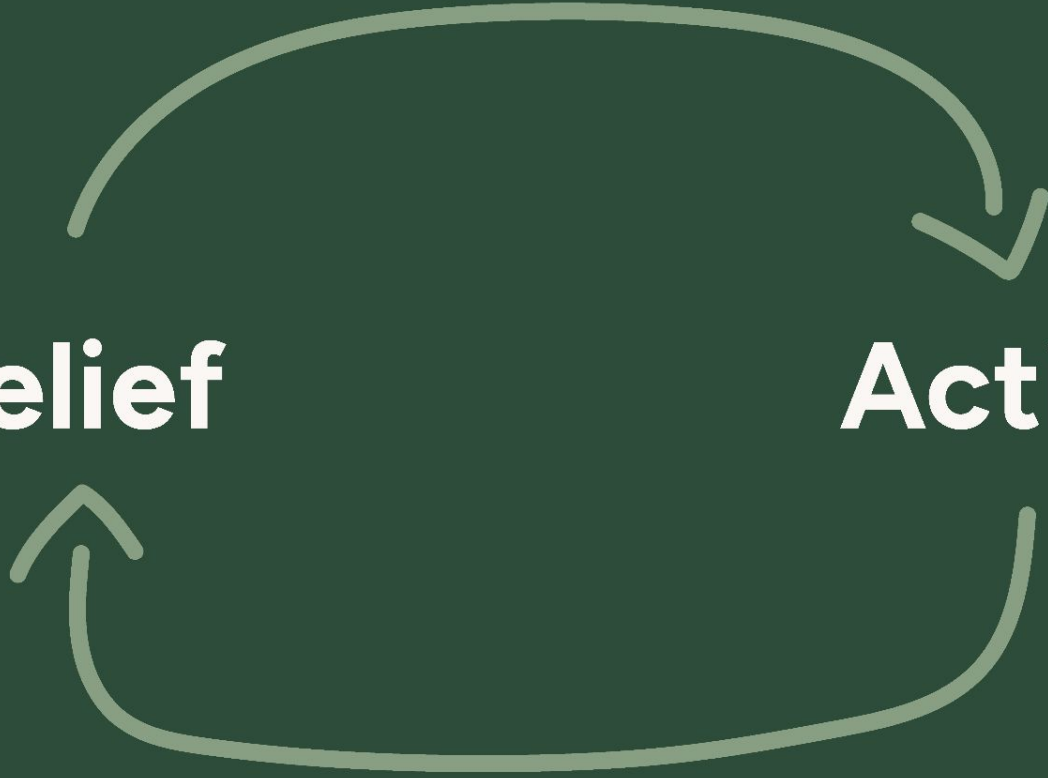
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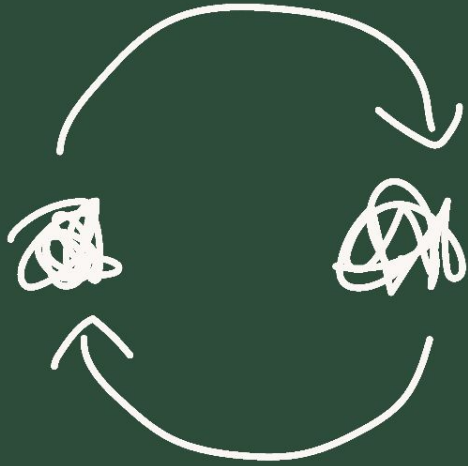
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**Cognitive
Dissonance**



House on the rock



House on the sand

Topic	Law
Passage	Matt 5:21-37
Big idea	'You have heard it said... but I say to you'. Covers anger, lust, treating others like your property, keeping promises, and being gracious. Not about the rules, about the heart.
Question	Is there a situation I face regularly where I struggle with one of the above? What's one step I can take this week to change that pattern of behaviour?

Topic	Love
Passage	Matt 5:38-48
Big idea	'Love your neighbour and pray for those who persecute you'. Kath brought this back to the idea of forgiveness.
Question	Is there someone you need to forgive? How will you do that this week, OR what steps can you take to bring yourself to a place where this might be possible?

Topic	Humility
Passage	Matt 6:1-6
Big idea	'When you pray/give/fast, don't be like the play-actors'... When we practice our goodness, don't do it <i>in order to be seen by others</i> .
Question	Do you ever catch yourself saying, doing, or thinking (yes, to yourself) things to make you seem more Christian/wealthy/popular/together/etc than you really are? If so, how could you talk differently in the coming week about this topic to be more genuine?

Topic	Treasure
Passage	Matt 6:19-24
Big idea	'Instead, store up for yourself treasures in heaven'... we used a Jenga tower as an analogy for the competing priorities in our lives. 'Treasure' here equates to values.
Question	<p>If you were there... what were your 5 'bottom blocks' on your Jenga tower? Does your coming week match them?</p> <p>If you weren't there... what are the things that matter to you the most? Does the way you will spend your time this week reflect those priorities?</p>

Topic	Worry
Passage	Matt 6:25-34
Big idea	'Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?'
Question	Is there something outside of your control that you spent too much emotional energy on in the past week? How could you think or act differently to get that emotional energy back in the coming week?





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