



What Goes Around Comes Around

(Sermon by Ray Reynolds on 9/6/09 - AM)

Introduction: What do you do when you find yourself in the presence of someone different from you? There are times when we are judgmental and critical of people that are different from us. What causes us to react with disdain toward other people? Is there anything we can learn from the way Jesus dealt with people? Let's consider four stories together

Discussion:

I. The Radical Tax Collector – Matthew 9:9-13

What would you do?
What did Pharisees think about it?
What did Jesus do?

II. The Religious Outsider – Mark 9:38-50

What would you do?
What did the disciples want to do?
What did Jesus do?

III. The Racist City – Luke 9:51-56

What would you do?
What did James and John want to do?
What did Jesus do?

IV. The Rejected Prostitute – John 8:1-11

What would you do?
What did the men want to do?
What did Jesus do?

Conclusion: All of these stories are unique but the result is the same. The people want to reject, kill, or punish the people that were different from them. But notice how Jesus responds. This goes beyond the Golden Rule of **Matthew 7:12**. We need to take a closer look at **Romans 5:6-8** to see the way that Jesus views sinners. We need to pray that with God's grace we can learn to not be too critical or judgmental. We need to become more like Jesus! And we need to appreciate His patience with us.

WORD OF THE DAY = **“Jesus”**