REVIEW THE TEXT: WHERE DID WE LEARN?

Matthew 11:7-19

REVIEW THE SERMON: WHAT DID WE LEARN?

Context

In chapter 11, Matthew changes gears as he proves that Jesus is the only Messiah. Jesus' mission was opposed at every turn, often from surprising sources like John the Baptist. In verse 7, Jesus turns from the doubting disciples to the critical crowd. Christ's main point is that if you have concluded wrongly regarding John, then you have no doubt concluded wrongly regarding Jesus.

Main Points

1. Your conclusion about John is critical to your spiritual relationship with Jesus.
    a. What did you expect? A people pleaser?
    b. What was the spectacle? His rich clothing?
    c. Was he a prophet? True or false?
2. Your response to John is crucial to your ongoing relationship with Jesus. (Who can I compare you to?)

Interpretative Points

- ***Reed shaken in the wind***
  A Rabbinic expression describing a teacher who catered his teaching to his listener's desires and preferences.

- ***Prophet***
  John the Baptist was the final prophet before the coming of the Messiah (Mal. 3:1, 4:5). He was **the** forerunner after 400 years of silence from God.

MAKE APPLICATION: HOW HAVE I OBEYED WHAT I LEARNED?

- Lordship: How does your view of Jesus become obscured or warped? How does misunderstanding of Christ translate into disobedience in your life?

- Sin: How are you checking sin from running rampant in your life? What keeps you from pursuing sin?

- Relationship: How can you gauge your affection for Christ? What signs of a vital relationship with the risen Christ are present in your life?