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"the Sermon [on the Mount] is Christianity's answer to the greatest metaphysical question that humanity has always faced- how can we experience true human flourishing? The Sermon's answer to the humanflourishing question is that true human flourishing is only available through communion with the Father God through his revealed Son, Jesus, as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

This flourishing is only experienced through faithful, heart-deep, whole-person discipleship, following Jesus's teachings and life, which situate the disciple into God's community or kingdom. This flourishing will only be experienced fully in the *eschaton*, when God finally establishes his reign upon the earth. As followers of Jesus journey through their lives, they will experience suffering in this world, which in God's providence is in fact a means to true flourishing even now".

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#### Matthew 6:24

<sup>24</sup> You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other.

## Matthew 12:30

<sup>30</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

## **Revelation 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so that you can see.

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Where we sow
How we see
Who we serve