

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ “‘We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The SON OF MAN came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time JESUS said, “I praise YOU, FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, because YOU have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, FATHER, for this is what YOU were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to ME by MY FATHER. No one knows the SON except the FATHER, and no one knows the FATHER except the SON and those to whom the SON chooses to reveal HIM.

²⁸ “Come to ME, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take MY yoke upon you and learn from ME, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For MY yoke is easy and MY burden is light.”

Memory Verse: Matthew 11:30

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THE YOKE’S ON YOU

A SINISTER PROCESS

OUR IMAGE OF GOD VS. JESUS’ IMAGE

PICK YOUR YOKE

❶ The Weight of The World

❷ The Gift of Grace

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

Getting Started

- 1) What was your attitude/mind-set when you entered worship this week? What was it when you left worship? What most contributed to that change?

- 2) What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

Into the Bible

- 3) Read Zechariah 9:9-12. For what reason should the people celebrate? How will the king be recognized? What will be the work of the king? In what ways does JESUS fulfill this role?

- 4) Read Romans 7:15-25a. Summarize Paul's confession in this passage. What is his dilemma? What is the role of the law in Paul's life? What is the answer to Paul's sinful nature?

- 5) Read Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. How were John and JESUS (THE SON OF MAN) being criticized? How is it that the truth of who JESUS is has been revealed? What does JESUS offer to those who choose to follow HIM?

Application to Life

- 6) How do people misunderstand who JESUS is? How would you describe JESUS to someone else? What do you understand about our heavenly FATHER because of JESUS? How has that information changed your life?

- 7) What is attractive or desirable to you about JESUS' image of GOD? What is threatening or uncomfortable? Why does GOD sometimes challenge us in ways we would prefer not to be? What can be the outcome of these godly challenges?

- 8) Describes the two burdens/yokes that people can choose? How might each yoke shape a person's life? Which yoke have you chosen?

- 9) What do you sense GOD is saying to you based on this study?