

## THE SERMON IN A SENTENCE

### MATTHEW 7:12

The best way to do ourselves good is to be doing good to others,  
the best way to gather is to scatter.

-Thomas Brooks

#### I. The Call in the Context

## II. The Call in the Canon

## III. The Call in our Culture

## Small Group Application Questions

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### *Getting to Know You*

1. How many of the Ten Commandments can you recite? in order?

### *Into the Bible*

2. How does this simple command sum up the entirety of the Law and the Prophets (shorthand for the Jewish Scriptures—the Old Testament)? Matthew 22:37-40 seems to add significantly to this more limited version. What is the only thing that enables us and empowers us to fulfill the “Golden Rule” with others? I John 4:19, Romans 6:5-6, Ephesians 4:31-32

### *Application*

3. Notice that the commandment is not written “Do unto others as they have done unto you”. How can God expect us to take the initiative here when others will probably take advantage of us? Matthew 5:11-12, John 15:12, Romans 5:8

### *For Families*

4. Talk with your children about how we are to treat people when they are unkind to us.