

# The Way of Jesus

## Small Faithfulness, Kingdom Weight

**Matthew 10:40–42**

### Big Idea

In the kingdom of Jesus, welcome is mission, small mercy matters, and nothing done faithfully in his name is wasted.

## 1. Receiving Jesus' People Is Receiving Jesus

**Matthew 10:40**

Jesus says:

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

To “receive” or “welcome” someone means more than a quick hello. It means making room, offering hospitality, and identifying with the one who has been sent.

Jesus' disciples are not important because they are impressive. They matter because of the one who sent them.

The Father sends Jesus.

Jesus sends his disciples.

Those who receive the disciples receive Jesus.

Those who receive Jesus receive the Father.

**Key line:** The messenger matters because of the Sender.

## 2. Welcome Can Be Partnership in Mission

**Matthew 10:41**

Jesus speaks of receiving a prophet because he is a prophet and a righteous person because he is righteous.

This means hospitality can become partnership in the work of God.

Not everyone serves in the same visible way. Some preach, teach, lead, or go. Others host, give, pray, encourage, feed, support, and make space.

In the kingdom, those hidden acts matter.

**Key line:** Hospitality is not background work. It is partnership.

### **3. Jesus Notices Small Mercy**

#### **Matthew 10:42**

Jesus says that even a cup of cold water given to one of his little ones because they are his disciple will not be forgotten.

A cup of cold water seems small, but small mercy may not feel small to the person who needs it.

Jesus later says in Matthew 25:

“As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

When we welcome, serve, feed, encourage, and care for Jesus’ people, Jesus receives it as love shown to him.

**Key line:** Jesus notices cups of cold water.

### **4. Nothing Faithful Is Wasted**

#### **Matthew 10:42**

Jesus promises:

“Truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

No one else may see it.

No one else may thank you.

No one else may think it matters.

But the Father sees.

The kingdom of Jesus has no throwaway acts of faithfulness.

### **Closing Summary**

The way of Jesus includes public courage, costly allegiance, and cross-bearing. But it also includes hidden hospitality, ordinary mercy, and small acts of welcome.

The kingdom has room for prophets and cup-givers, for those who go and those who receive, for those who speak and those who quietly support.

Do not wait until you can do something impressive to do something faithful.

**Final line:** In the kingdom of Jesus, welcome is mission, small mercy matters, and nothing done faithfully in his name is wasted.