

## Matthew 11:16-20; 25-30

<sup>16</sup> “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”<sup>(b)</sup>

Q1 – How do you think verse 16-17 translates into today’s unrest? Can you rewrite in contemporary language that is meaningful to you?

Q2 – What does verse 18-19 say about humanity’s expectations and ability to perceive truth? How do we work to see deeds instead of superficial things that might cloud our judgment?

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<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Q1 – What do you think Jesus meant by God revealing things to infants versus the “wise”?

Q2 – Do you think verse 27 means that God is exclusively revealed to practicing Christians? Is there another interpretation?

Q3 – How do you interpret the “yoke” that Jesus refers to in verses 29-30 in contemporary terms?