Context

The book of Matthew is a biography of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. So far in the story, Jesus has been travelling around Galilee, preaching, teaching and healing. A big theme lately has been “what will people do with the message Jesus brings?”

Today’s passage: Matthew 11:20-30

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| Today’s Big Point:Why do some people receive the Gospel and others reject it? |
| ❶ The Reception | ❷ The Rejection |
| An illustration I liked today: |

❶ The Reception (verses 20-24)

The three towns: They didn’t run Jesus out of town, but they didn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Repent: Turn away from Sin and turn to God, like doing a 180.

Tyre and Sidon – These cities were neighbours to Israel in the Old Testament. What were they like? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

People who have heard the Gospel are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for it

Responding rightly to the gospel means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We’re a bit like a trolley with a bung wheel, we always lean away from God.

❷The Rejection (verses 25-30)

How does rejection work in this passage? Who rejects who?

How does acceptance work in this passage? Who accepts what?

What do we do now? (Application)

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