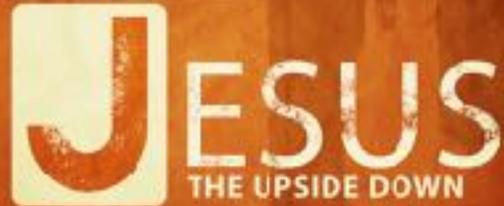


Life Group Discussion Guide

Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5-7

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INTRODUCTION

Early in His ministry Jesus delivered the most famous sermon ever, the Sermon on the Mount.

What Jesus said to those listening that day seemed almost like up was down, right was left and white was black. Jesus taught about subjects such as prayer, justice, care for the needy, handling the religious law, divorce, judging other people, salvation and much more.

What He said didn't coincide with what most of the listeners had thought about those subjects. Jesus made it clear that His followers should live in a noticeably different way than other people.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. When you think about Jesus delivering the Sermon on the Mount, what does the scene look like in your mind?
2. What part of Jesus' sermon challenges you the most (understanding His message, applying His message, etc.)?

EVALUATE IT

1. What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Why would someone who is poor in spirit be blessed?
2. Read Matthew 5:21-26. How are anger and murder connected? Why is it so difficult to follow Jesus command in these verses? What would it look like if we actually obeyed these verses?
3. Read Matthew 6:8. If God knows our requests before we present them to Him, what is the purpose of prayer?
4. Read Matthew 6:25-27. How are these verses the antithesis of our society and the commercials we hear and see every day? How do we practice this VERY counterculture command of Christ?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Who do you typically think of as blessed? What about them makes you think of them that way? How might you need to change your concept of blessing in light of Matthew 5:3-12?
2. When the Spirit convicts you and you identify sins in your life, how do you respond? Do you contrive methods to avoid the visible sins or do you press deeper into the heart issue? What is the desire/craving that led to the sinful action?



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