

MasterClass

the Sermon on the Mount

A master class is a class given to students of a particular discipline by an expert of that discipline. Jesus taught the original master class on what it means to be fully human when He gave His famous Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapters 5-7. The message of His sermon wasn't, "Live like this and you'll be my disciple," but rather, "Because you are my disciple, live like this." It's not about how we ought to live, but how we were meant to live. Let the words of the Sermon on the Mount lead you straight to the Master Himself.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12 together as a group.
2. Order matters when we study the "Beatitudes." These beatitudes build on one another. What does "poor in spirit" mean to you?
3. In the message, Jared stated: "Befriend Sadness." So many people avoid mourning and sadness. Read Matthew 5:4 again. Knowing that comfort is on the other side of mourning, will that change your approach to mourning/sadness?
4. Read Matthew 5:5. Does it change our response to other people/groups/ideologies that we might disagree with knowing that those in the Kingdom of Heaven will one day inherit the earth? Every other Kingdom and ideology will fall. The only Kingdom that lasts forever is the Kingdom of Heaven and that is the Kingdom that Jesus is welcoming us into!
5. Read Matthew 5:6. What are you hungering and thirsting after these days? Righteousness/justice is the only thing that truly satisfies. Talk about

Action Step

It is important to know that all of these Beatitudes are for all of us. These types of attitudes are welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven. It is also important to know that we can only fully have these Beatitudes through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives (supernatural). Take time to pray for each other as we begin this sermon series over the next 3 months. Pray and ask God to fill each person in your group with His Spirit so we can apply the word of God to our lives.