



Series Jesus: the Man Who is God

Passage Matthew 5:1-16

Title Surveying The Sermon on The Mount

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Discussion Starter – How does The Sermon on The Mount relate to the spiritual implications of Jesus’ reign in our lives?

Revealing what Jesus’ Kingdom is All About (Matthew 5:1-10)

- What advice or encouragement have you given to others that seems to be counter to what Jesus taught from the Sermon on The Mount?
- How do we motivate our children or co-workers to achieve things like getting into a good school or being promoted in a career while not going against what Jesus is teaching here?
- Jesus made clear declarative statements that began with “blessed are”. Everyone wants to be blessed. Jesus proceeds to reveal that the required condition of our heart to be blessed starts with being “poor in spirit “. In your own words describe how a person who is “poor in spirit” is blessed.
- Describe a time in your life when you tried in your own power to put on one of the be-attitudes. For example: I tried to be poor in spirit by...or merciful.... What eventually happened?
- Pastor Dave taught that to be truly “poor in spirit” we first have to be rich in Christ. How would you explain that to a neighbor or co-worker?
- How do you make the switch from “trying“ to “being” ? Read Psalm 91:1 and John 15:4. Discuss the insights gained from these passages. What do we have to give up to be “poor in spirit”?
- Is it possible to be “poor in spirit”, yet incapable of being merciful, meek, a peacemaker or any of the other be-attitudes? In other words, do you think each of these qualities is dependent or separate and independent of each other?

Going Public for Jesus (Mathew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 7:10)

- If this condition of our heart is the “master key“ to the kingdom, what does having the “master key” allow us to do?
- Jesus lists all the promises of having a heart changed to obedience and then He shows us in a perfect way how to do that. What do you think is His ultimate goal in this?
- What does it mean to be the salt of the earth?
- Read John 14:21. Describe the insights gained and the promises made to those who prioritize inward obedience.