

The Sermon on the Mount, Part 2 (17 of 17) Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sermon Series Summary

Matthew 5-7 is known as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus went up a mountain and a large crowd gathered to hear him preach a powerful message—proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom and casting a vision of what it looks like to live in right relationship with God, our neighbors, and our enemies. These three chapters contain the core of Jesus' teachings and his most well-known sayings, including some of the most rigorous ethical demands in the Bible. Join us for Part 2 of this series (Jan 4-Feb 15), as we explore the message and implications of Jesus' invitation to enter the narrow gate and follow him.

Sermon Title: Practicing the Way of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8:1-11; Matthew 7:24-29; Philippians 3:7-14; James 1:22

Sermon Focus: In his concluding words from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that we have a choice to make. We can build our lives on the solid rock of his teachings or build our lives on sinking sand. While many people *hear* his words, it's only those who want to become more like Jesus and practice his way that survive the storm. In the final message of our series, Pastor David invites us to move beyond hearing the teachings of Jesus to practicing the way of Jesus that leads to life in the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Begin by reading Matthew 7:24-29 to yourself silently, giving everyone a few minutes to read and reflect. After that, have someone read the passage aloud. How do the words of Jesus encourage you? Also, how do they challenge you?
2. In the example of the wise and foolish builders, Jesus is inviting us to build our lives upon him and his teaching. What are some of the “foundations” that people commonly build their lives on today (success, security, relationships, approval, comfort, etc.)? Which of these do you find most tempting, and why?
3. Jesus says the wise builder not only hears his words but puts them into practice. What is one teaching of Jesus that you find easy to agree with but difficult to live out consistently? Why is that? And what is God saying to you about that?
4. Jesus indicates that storms will come. Pastor David pointed out that these storms can range from personal, to national, global, and cosmic (sin/death). What storms are you experiencing and/or see coming? How is the Lord inviting you to put your trust in him through the storms of life?
5. John Mark Comer (author of *Practicing the Way*) draws from ancient Jewish discipleship and summarizes following Jesus in *three* movements: (1) Be with Jesus – develop a daily relational life with God; (2) Become like Jesus – get to know him via spiritual disciplines; and (3) Do what Jesus did – practice how Jesus taught us to live. This is to be a lifelong routine and rhythm. Be honest with your group. Which movement do you feel you need to give more attention to with God? You may want to say something about each of these.
6. Take a moment to reflect on the entire Sermon on the Mount series. What would you say was the highlight for you? What is a major takeaway?
7. LIFE ON MISSION QUESTION: Is there something practical that you can do this week to implement what Jesus has said to us in Matthew 7:24-29? How is the Spirit inviting you to put Jesus’ words into practice in your current situation so that friends, family, neighbors, and enemies can see what God is doing in your life, and that they might experience the good news of Jesus through you.
Share with your group what God is asking you to do in the coming days.