

Masterclass

the sermon on the mount



MASTERCLASS (January 7 to March 24)

The idea of a “masterclass” is to learn from the world’s best experts on a variety of subjects. In a sermon recorded in Matthew 5 to 7, Jesus offers the ultimate — and original — masterclass on Kingdom living. The Sermon on the Mount doesn’t say “live this way to be my disciple” but rather “because you are my disciple, this is how you were meant to live.” Kingdom living is often in direct opposition to the way of the world. However, when we sit at the feet of the master and learn, we find a life like no other.

Group Discussion

Getting started: What do you tend to judge people for the most?

1. What stood out to you or challenged you from this week’s message?
2. Read **Matthew 7:1-2**. Is there ever a time to judge? How does our culture go to the extremes of **moral relativism** (no truth) or **moral legalism** (no grace)? What is the difference between evaluating and condemning? What is the heart issue Jesus is trying to deal with?
3. Read **Matthew 7:3-5**. Jesus is dealing with hypocrisy. Jesus doesn’t say, “if there’s a log in your eye...” Jesus assumes the log is there. What does this imply? What do we need to do before we speak into someone else’s life? If you were going to point out a speck you see in someone else’s life, how would you begin that conversation? When are you disqualified from having a conversation like that?
4. Read **Matthew 7:6**. How does this verse strike you when you first read it? Who is Jesus referring to as pigs? Why? What do pearls represent (See Matthew 13:45-46)? Do you view the kingdom of God like this?

5. We can't force, condemn, or even coerce people into following Jesus; it isn't up to us. What can we do? Who are you doing these things for?

Next Steps

1. What have you learned about God from His Word?
2. How is He asking you to apply it to your life?
3. When will you apply it?

Resources

- *The Sermon On The Mount* by The Bible Project
- *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard

Next Week

We will continue our eleven-week series *Masterclass* with the sermon *Persistent Pursuit*. We will be in Matthew 7:7-14.

- **Jasper:** 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. EST.
- **Loogootee:** 9 and 10:30 a.m. EST.
- **Tell City:** 8:30 and 10 a.m. CST.

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