



# Masterclass

the sermon on the mount

## MASTERCLASS (January 7 to February 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:** If you could take a Masterclass in any discipline, what discipline would you choose, and who would you want to learn from?

1. Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday’s message. Did you have any new insights or key takeaways?
2. Read **Matthew 5:1-12**. Which of these do you think is most counterintuitive to how our culture lives? Which of these is most difficult for you to embrace?
3. We said in the sermon that **“God only fills empty hands.”** How does this apply to every area of your life (Marriage, parenting, work, friendship)?
4. **The purity of our hearts is largely determined by the people we surround ourselves with.** Who are the people that help purify your heart? Are there any relationships that are contaminating your heart that you need to guard your heart from? In his book, *Made for People*, Justin Whitmel Earley says, “You will never experience God the way you were made to until you experience Him alongside other people.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and why?

5. Read [Hebrews 12:2](#). How was Jesus able to face the cross with joy? How can we face the end of our lives with joy regardless of our circumstances?

## Next Steps

1. The sermon on the mount is not a list of things we have to do, like rungs on a ladder that get you to God. Instead, it's a response that God came down the ladder to us. What things can you put into practice in 2024 to help you live in joyful response to the goodness of Jesus?

## Resources

- [The Sermon On The Mount](#) by The Bible Project

## Next Week

We will continue our eleven-week series, *Masterclass* with the sermon *Change The Gravity Of The Room*.

- **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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