



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: Do you put salt on watermelon?

1. Read **Matthew 5:13-16**. What metaphors does Jesus use to describe His followers? What purpose do both salt and light serve in the world? Who do they bring attention to?
2. Salt won’t go bad unless it’s exposed to moisture or contaminated by other additives. How does this apply to us as disciples? What additives or contaminants might be seeping into your life, causing you to lose your saltiness?
3. When are you most tempted to let your light stay hidden in a dark world? How does Jesus say we let our lights shine, according to verse 16?
4. Talk as a group about how you can know if your good deeds are pointing to yourself, or to God.
5. One of the best ways to be salt and light is to be on the look out for the needs of those around you. What are some needs in our community? How can we serve others and help meet those needs?

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 *Passions Out Of Control*. We will be in Matthew 5:20-30.

- **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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