



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: When is the last time you got angry over something that wasn’t really that big of a deal?

1. Read **Matthew 5:21-22**. How does Jesus raise the bar from beyond actions to motivations of the heart? Why is this more important?
2. Read **Matthew 5:23-24**. Jesus offers His first suggestion for how to deal with anger. Explain His words using modern day examples. What does our relationship with God have to do with our relationship to others?
3. Read **Matthew 5:25-26**. In His second suggestion for how to deal with anger, when does Jesus say we should settle disputes with others? What kind of prison is Jesus talking about in verse 25? Have you ever experienced forgiving someone else that led to your own freedom?
4. Read **Matthew 5:27-28**. When Jesus addresses lust, he isn’t talking about the appreciation of beauty, or even the in-the-moment flash of sexual desire. So what does he mean by lust? Why is lust harmful even if you don’t physically commit adultery?

5. Read *Matthew 5:29-30*. Since a blind or crippled person could still lust, what is the point Jesus is making? You can have freedom from sin, even sexual sin, but it will cost you. What things might you have to sacrifice or cut out of your life to help you in this battle?

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 *Love In Real Life*. We will be in Matthew 5:31-48.

- **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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