

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: When was the last time you asked someone for help? Do you find it hard to ask others for help?

1. What stood out to you or challenged you from this week’s message?
2. Read **Matthew 7:7-8**. Does this mean that God wants to give you whatever your heart desires? What do these verses tell us about prayer and God’s response to us?
3. Read **Isaiah 62:6-7**. What does it mean to give the Lord no rest? Where else do we see examples of this in the Bible? Have you ever prayed for something in this way? Can you share what that was like?
4. Read **Matthew 7:9-11**. Timothy Keller says, “The only person who dares wake up a king at 3:00 AM for a glass of water is a child. We have that kind of access.” Do you feel like you have this kind of access to God? Does your prayer life show you believe you have this kind of access to God?
5. Jesus gives us three principles of prayer: **ASK** - A principle of expectation. **SEEK** - A principle of effort. **KNOCK** - A principle of endurance. Discuss each of these. How are they each different? Why are they each essential? Where do you feel most challenged in these?

6. Read **Matthew 7:13-14**. Describe the two paths Jesus mentions. What does Jesus mean when He says enter through the narrow gate (Read **John 10:9-10**)? How do you reconcile Jesus' words about the road being difficult, but also that He came to give us a rich and satisfying life?

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 *Be Real*. We will be in Matthew 7:15-23.

- **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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