



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: Are you more of a spender or a saver?

1. Read **Matthew 6:1**. What does Jesus see that we’re often blind to? Why is this easier to see in others than in yourself? What is the reward for people that only want to be seen by others?
2. Read **Matthew 6:2-4**. Hypocrite is a Greek word for an actor. Why is this appropriate for the point Jesus is making? You probably don’t blow a trumpet before you do something good, but in what ways do we draw attention to our good deeds? What does He mean by “don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing”? When are you most tempted to seek the praise of others or pat yourself on the back?
3. Read **Matthew 6:19-21**. My heart will always follow what I treasure. How have you seen this be true in your own life. Do you need to redirect some of your treasure to get your heart to a more desirable destination?
4. Read **Matthew 6:22-24**. In what ways do people become enslaved by money? How does your financial health impact your health in so many other areas of life? What is the difference between being financially healthy and being financially wealthy? What disciplines can help you become financially healthier?

5. A lot of what scripture teaches about money hangs on two principals. Principal 1 - When we trust Jesus, we see ourselves as managers of His money. Principal 2 - When we trust Jesus, it means trusting God's promises more than our impulses. What is challenging for you about each of these principals? How are you practicing these in your life now? If you aren't practicing these what would it look like if you started?

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 take a quick break from our *Masterclass* series to gear up for Game Day At Redemption. Get your favorite team's jersey/apparel and invite some family and friends for a fun day worshipping Jesus together.

- **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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