

Week 1 – Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5:1-16

Bible Project Videos: These are for those that would like to go deeper in their study of the Sermon on the Mount. Do not feel obligated to use them for your Group.

- This is a helpful [overview video](#) about the Sermon on the Mount.
- For those that want to dig deeper, here is a nice [guide](#) .
- [Visual Commentary](#) for Matthew 5:3-16. This is an in-depth look at this section of the Sermon on the Mount. Question for those that watch this video: How does the literary design of Matthew 5:3-16 as presented in this video help you understand its message?

Group Discussion: This is my recommended outline and questions. Please feel free to add questions that best fit your group.

Start with this short [video](#).

Read Matthew 5:1-16 ([Digital Bible](#))

For this section of Scripture, we have used the phrase “How good is life for” instead of the more common “Blessed are you when.” How does this change impact your understanding of Jesus’ words?

According to Matthew 5:3-5, what reasons does Jesus give for concluding that the powerless, grieving, and unimportant are experiencing the good life?

In Matthew 5:6-8, Jesus declares that the good life belongs to those who long for right relationships, are full of mercy, and have pure motives. What do these characteristics tell us about the way human beings will live in Jesus’ Kingdom?

What does it mean to be a peacemaker, according to Jesus, and why should peacemakers expect to be persecuted in this world?

What would these images of salt, light, and a city on a hill have meant to Jesus and his listeners as ancient Israelites?

How are Jesus’ followers similar to Israel’s prophets? What kinds of attitudes and actions do they share?

Which verse in this passage seems to be speaking most directly to you right now? Why?

Who is one person you could impact this week by living out something from this passage?