

A SERIES IN MATTHEW 5-7

SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

© GROUPS





MATTHEW 4:12-5:2

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The goal is to realize that **in order to belong to God's kingdom, we must believe and follow Jesus.**

CONNECT

Use these questions to begin the discussion:

1. If you were king or queen for a day what would you do?

READ THE TEXT

Ask a group member to read the following text out loud: **Matthew 4:12-5:2**

DISCUSS & APPLY

These questions are designed to help us **know, love, and serve** God fully. Don't feel pressure to get through all the questions, especially if you find that your group needs to spend extra time in one place.

1. Matthew opens up this section by showing us how Jesus' life and ministry fulfill prophecies made about him hundreds of years ago. Why do you believe Matthew was intentional about including this detail?
2. Read verse 17. What does it mean to repent? Can you share a time that you have repented?
3. What does Jesus mean when he says "the kingdom of heaven"? How is it already here and how is it still to come? What is the difference between living for and living in the kingdom of man?
4. Jesus tells Peter and Andrew to follow him in verse 19. How do you know if someone closely follows a certain sport or a particular music artist? How do you know if someone closely follows Jesus? Who are you following?
5. Jesus longs to make us fishers of men. A fisherman knows what he is going after and how to do it. Do you have a list of people you are hoping to be saved? Do you have a plan on how you can share the gospel with others?
6. What was the cost for John and James to follow Jesus? Have you seen your relationship with God cost you? If so, how?

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7. Jesus goes about teaching the crowds (meeting their spiritual need) and healing the crowds (meeting their physical needs). How are you meeting the needs of those around you? Who is someone that God has placed in your life that you have the ability to meet a need of theirs?
8. Verse 24 tells us that the news about Jesus spread throughout the land. At this point in his ministry his followers could hardly be called mature disciples. What qualified them to spread the news about Jesus? When will you be ready to spread the news about Jesus in your neighborhood/job/family?
9. According to our main idea from the past week, following Jesus requires renouncing the world and embracing God's kingdom. What is one thing you need to renounce and what is one thing you need to embrace this week?

PRAY

Thank God for the gift of His church. Pray for a desire to make love the motivation for all that we do. Ask God to help your group grow in their spiritual gifts and desire to use them to serve the church and to evangelize.

COMMUNITY GROUP MISSION PARTNERS

As we seek to make gospel-centered disciples among all people for the glory of God, we step into our communities and the rest of the world as ambassadors of Christ. Our community groups have an awesome opportunity to serve together in this mission by adopting a local partner and an international partner to invest in. To adopt a local and international partner, fill out this form:

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