

A SERIES IN MATTHEW 5-7

# SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

© GROUPS





## MATTHEW 5:21-32

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The goal is to see how **Jesus calls his followers to whole-person righteousness through wholehearted obedience.**

### CONNECT

Use these questions to begin the discussion:

1. What are your highs and lows from the past week?

### READ THE TEXT

Ask a group member to read the following text out loud: **Matthew 5:21-32**

### 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. In this passage Jesus boldly equates anger to murder and lust to adultery. How do these statements impact how you view your own heart? ... Look to Ezekiel 36:26-27. What changes when we receive a new heart?
2. Who has ever struggled with anger in the past? Why do you think that was and how do you overcome that disposition?
3. In verses 24-26 Jesus speaks of the urgency with which we should treat reconciliation. Why do you believe that God cares that we get right with others before we worship Him at the altar?
4. In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul reminds us of how Jesus has reconciled us to God. In light of its importance to the Christian life, is there anyone that you need to be reconciled with? How can you begin repairing that relationship today? *Alternatively*, can you think of a time in the past that you had to reconcile a relationship with someone?
5. Jesus warns us against committing adultery within the heart. How do we guard ourselves against not simply doing the right thing, but doing it with the right motive and heart posture?



6. Read verses 29-30. You may not need to tear out your eye or cut off your hand, but God might be telling you to toss out your smartphone or to reconsider your boundaries in friendship and dating. What are things that you have done or need to do in order to battle against lust in your own heart.
7. What do Jesus' teaching on divorce tell us about God's view of marriage compared to our culture's view?
8. Though Jesus provides a clause for biblical divorce, the whole of Scripture makes clear that even-so divorce should not take priority over the possibility of reconciliation. Knowing how sexual immorality can destroy relationships, how can we walk alongside our brothers and sisters that are working through this in their own marriage?
9. Jesus claims that someone who gets divorced in a manner contrary to Scripture and then gets remarried has sinned. If that applies to you, how do Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 7:17 provide encouragement? How can you glorify God with your current marriage?
10. **For the leader:** With Jesus focusing on anger and lust in the past few sections of his Sermon on the Mount, we are reminded of the importance of having accountability relationships in our life. Does your group have this? If so, take some time to break into accountability groups tonight. If not, how can you begin to make this a part of your group time?

## **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.



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## 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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