

A SERIES IN MATTHEW 5-7

SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

© GROUPS





MATTHEW 5:38-48

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The goal is to see how **Jesus calls his followers to a lifestyle of love radically different from the world.**

CONNECT

Use these questions to begin the discussion:

1. Who is your least favorite fictional character (movie/tv show/book) and why?

READ THE TEXT

Ask a group member to read the following text out loud: **Matthew 5:38-48**

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. Read Matthew 5:38-42. Is Jesus saying that this law from Leviticus 24 was a mistake? Why or why not?
2. What does the Leviticus 24 law reveal about God? What does this new law reveal about God?
3. According to 1st century Roman law, soldiers were permitted to require people to carry their bag for a mile. When Jesus calls us to "go the extra mile" what picture does that paint of how we should treat being wronged?
4. Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive?
5. Read Matthew 5:43-48. How does our standing before God relate to our heart towards those who oppose us?
6. Jesus says, in verse 45, "for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends the rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." What truth is Jesus communicating here?
7. Jesus closes this section by commanding us to be perfect as God is perfect. Why do you think he would conclude with this impossible command?



8. How can we take God's example in how He loved His enemies when we consider how we are to love our enemies?
9. Who is someone that you have considered an enemy? How can you pray for them right now?

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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