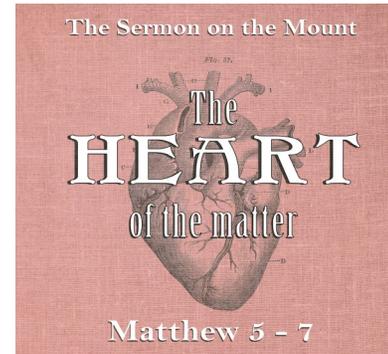


12. Do you see 7:21 as a chilling statement by Jesus? He says “many”. How does this make you feel?

13. How can one be happy or blessed by being broken in spirit and mourning (happy are the sad)?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

Introduction to the
Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5 through 7

For the Week of April 11, 2021

Getting Started

1. Have you studied the Sermon on the Mount (SOTM) in the past? What did you think of it?
2. Do you feel like you already know these chapters and likely won't have much to learn?
3. Do you agree God's primary concern is our heart/motive/attitude? Why? (Proverbs 4:23)

Digging Deeper

4. What do you think of Matthew linking the SOTM and Jesus' miracles through bookending verses 4:23 and 9:35?

5. Do you agree that Jesus' primary audience for the SOTM had to be sincere believers or seekers? Why?

6. Do you see the eight Beatitudes as a growing sequence—from humble brokenness to a new heart?

7. How would you explain verse 5:21? Were the Pharisees righteous? Does righteousness spoken of here only relate to Christ's imputed righteousness given to believers?

8. Review Jesus' six "You have heard it said...but I say to you" statements. Do you think he is rewriting the Old Testament? What is the common denominator in all six of these?

9. Do you believe Jesus' six statements are attainable in this life?

The Heart of the Matter

10. Of all the heart conditions Jesus notes in the SOTM, which few do you personally struggle with the most (e.g. Lust, anger, anxiety, loving your enemies, treating others as you wish to be treated, judging strictly, hypocrisy, etc.)

11. As you review the SOTM—and really see this as Kingdom life as our King desires—do you wonder if you are truly saved?