

Sermon Discussion Guide - July 16

1. Have you ever studied the Sermon on the Mount before?
2. Joshua gave three reasons to study this passage: (1) Description of Lifestyle of Someone Who Belongs to the Kingdom of Heaven, (2) Reveals Our Great Need for Christ, and (3) Best Means of Evangelism. Which of those three motivates you most to study the passage? Why?
3. Why is it important to see the Sermon on the Mount as a sermon preached at one time instead of a collection of sayings of Jesus?
4. What is the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount?
5. How do we see the already/not-yet aspect of the Kingdom of Heaven in the Sermon on the Mount? Why is it important to understand that when studying and applying the Sermon on the Mount?
6. Would it be tempting to view the Sermon on the Mount as a way to become a Christian? How can we correct that understanding in our own hearts?
7. Why is it important/significant that Jesus began his sermon with the pronouncement of blessing on his disciples?
8. How does the blessing in Numbers 6:24-26 help us understand what it means to be blessed?
9. Can we achieve the radical righteousness Jesus requires? How is this related to the righteousness we receive?