

# THE MOUNTAINSIDE

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## MESSAGE RECAP

This week starts a new series through the Sermon on the Mount. This one sermon changed the way people thought about everything. We will explore how embracing these words of Jesus can revolutionize our perspective and actions in this world.

This week's discussion guide is designed to set the stage for the months to come. Like Sunday, we want to take time to familiarize ourselves with each chapter of this sermon. You will take three 5-minute sessions to allow your group to read the chapter and ponder a couple of questions before discussing.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. What do you think it means to have a "Kingdom Mindset"?
3. Read Matthew 5:1-2: How does knowing that Jesus saw each person individually affect your understanding of his teaching in this sermon? How might Jesus's teachings address the various struggles, needs, and desires of people today?
4. Take 5 minutes to read Matthew 5 silently and answer this question: Which of these teachings do you find most challenging or inspiring? Why?
5. Take 5 minutes to read Matthew 6 silently and answer these questions:
  - a. What are some practical examples of Jesus teaching about righteousness, prayer, and fasting in Matthew 6?
  - b. In what ways do you hope to grow in one of these areas?
6. Take 5 minutes to read Matthew 7 silently and answer these questions:
  - a. What are some of the warnings or exhortations that Jesus gives?
  - b. How can you ensure you are building your life on the right foundation?
7. Is there any one area of this sermon that you believe will be most challenging to your life? Finish by praying for each other in these challenges.