



JOURNEY GROUPS

SEPT 14 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into "The Sermon on the Mount"

1. This past week we had many reminders that the world we are living in is messed up. We know that things won't be restored and made right until Jesus comes back. **As we start, have someone read Ephesian 6:12.**
2. With everything going on in our country right now, why is it important for disciples to remember that our real enemy isn't people, but the evil one himself?
 - Are we praying when we hear troubling things or are we just shaking our heads and getting angry?
3. Matt heard a commentator this past week say, "We can't let our emotions run so wild for so long, that we start to see our political opponents as enemies." Why do we as Christians need to stay on the high road during highly politicized crises such as the one we found ourselves in last week?
4. The world we are living in is messed up right now. What is hedonistic idolatry and why is it the wrong way for us to respond to our moment in history?
5. We aren't to refrain from voting and engaging in politics. That would be poor stewardship. What is political idolatry and how do we avoid it?
6. The world is messed up. We can feel hopeless about things ever getting better. How does the fact that God is real, and alive, and involved keep us from being fatalistic atheists?
7. In the middle of these storms, God is calling us! Jesus wants to deploy the church He created through His victory over sin and death. The Sermon on the Mount is His manifesto for how we should live. Let's look at the two bookends of the most famous sermon ever recorded! **Have someone read Matthew 5:1-2.**

8. Who is the sermon for? To whom is Jesus directing these commands?
9. We haven't studied the sermon yet, but it is very famous. Why do you think Jesus' sermon on the mount is the most well known set of instructions, but the least obeyed?
10. The other bookend of the sermon is Matthew 7:28-29. Have someone read the reaction that people had to the sermon when Jesus was done speaking.
11. What does it mean that Jesus spoke as one who had authority, not just as a teacher?
12. As we prepare to spend the next few months walking through Jesus' kingdom manifesto, how can we hold each other accountable to apply his teaching to our lives and not just marvel at the beauty of it?

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