



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season: Mountain to Mountain
Episode 1: Beatitudes Heaven to Earth
February 5 & 8, 2026
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LEADER NOTES – We loved seeing so many of you at The Coach and Leader Gathering. [Click here to watch every breakout session.](#)

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2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEW Services and times: We are making room for One More. [Click here](#) to view our new weekend service times.

Night To Shine - Friday, Feb 13th, 6-9pm, Prime Osborn Convention Center:

Share God's love and celebrate our friends with special needs, all while having the time of your life! Whether it's by cheering in the crowd, doing hair and makeup, serving food or being a buddy and hanging out with a king or queen all night— there is a spot for you to serve! Visit Nightsoshinejax.com for more information and to register.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *"Pray and ask Jesus to show you one "net" you need to drop. Then take one step of obedience this week, even if it feels costly or uncomfortable."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

The Point: Jesus did not come to make bad people better or sad people happy. He came to give life to the dead and salvation for sinners.

Sermon Text: *Psalm 51; Ezekial 36:26; Matthew 5:1-12; 7:21-29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer every question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

- **Read Matthew 5:1-12. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Pastor Joby preached that the Beatitudes are a progression of the gospel, not eight separate rules or steps we achieve on our own. Discuss what that means.** (*The progression of the gospel is salvation, justification, progressive sanctification and, in heaven, glorification. The book of Matthew shows Jesus is the greater Moses. Moses received the law on the mountain, but Jesus teaches from the mountain to reveal the kingdom of grace. The Beatitudes do not give us a new law to keep. They show us our need based on the law for what Jesus is going to do. In Christ, the focus is no longer merely on external obedience, but on an inward transformation that produces a new way of living.*)
- **Discover:** What does it mean to be blessed?
Deepen: We are blessed by God to bless others. (See Genesis 12:1–3.) Where do you experience blessing and how can you be a blessing for others? (*Practical ideas for blessing someone: mow their lawn, really listen to them – and bring tissues, write a card of encouragement with Scripture and truth...*)
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 5:3. What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? (*It means, you're spiritually bankrupt, broken, busted, a beggar. Blessed are you when you know you need Jesus.*)
Deepen: What do you need to be saved? You need, NEED. Share when you realized you were poor in spirit and needed Jesus. (*God opens your eyes to realize your depravity and utter helplessness without HIM. See Luke 15:17-19.*)
- **Read Matthew 5:5. Meekness is bridled strength—not weakness. What does true meekness look like in your daily relationships, decisions and actions?**
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 5:6. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? (*Righteousness is right standing with God. If you are saved, Jesus gives you right standing. That right identity leads to right activity, including pursuing intimacy with God. Jesus says abide in ME. See John 15:4–5.*)
Deepen: How can you cultivate a deeper desire for intimacy with Christ instead of relying on self-righteous effort?
- **Read Matthew 5:7. Share who you've shown mercy to, or someone you're withholding mercy from.** (*Mercy is not getting what you deserve. Forgiven people forgive. See Ephesians 2:15; Matthew 6:9-13; 18:21-34.*)
- **Read Matthew 5:9. Discuss what it means to be a peacemaker.** (*Peace is not the absence of conflict, but shalom - fullness or wholeness. The way to be a peacemaker is to reconcile a traitorous people with the perfect God through the gospel.*)
- **Read Matthew 5:10-12. Where have you experienced pushback or cost for following Jesus - even subtly, like God's views on marriage or truth?** (*If you never feel persecuted, reviled or ridiculed by the world, it might be because you're indistinguishable from the world. That should be a wakeup call to allow your identity in Christ to drive your thoughts and behaviors.*)

Action Step: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where you are relying on self-righteousness, performance, or control instead of grace. Let your identity in Christ lead your thoughts and activity and surrender it all to Jesus.

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