



## DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 2: Mountain to Mountain  
Episode 2: City on a Hill  
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**2026 - Spring trimester:** 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

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**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:** *"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."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**The Point:** We are not saved by our good works. We are saved by Christ's finished work; however, we are saved FOR good works.

**Sermon Text:** *Psalm 40:3; Matthew 5:10-20; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:14*

## 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 5:13-20. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** What does it mean to have your identity in Christ? *(You are defined by what God says about you because of Jesus—not by what you've done, what's been done to you or what the world says about you. If you are in Christ, you are a child of God and a co-heir with Jesus! See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)*  
**Deepen:** Why is it important to remember your identity in Christ comes before your activity? *(Christ's finished work on the cross gives you a right relationship with God. The grace and love you receive from Jesus compels you to change everything about the way you live. Without Him, you can do nothing.)*
- **How does Jesus connect Matthew 5:1-12 to verses 13:20?** *(Jesus uses the entire sermon, the beatitudes—the progression of the gospel, being persecuted for Him, being salt and light to show it's your right identity that leads to right activity. The moment you turn over the reins of your life to Jesus, you become salt and light for Him.)* **Leaders:** do a bible search of the words "salt" and "light" and spend some time sharing the verses from the Old and New Testament that pop up.)
- **You are made in God's image, and He calls you salt and light. What does that tell you about God's character?** *(God preserves life, prevents ultimate decay and creates holy thirst. God is literally and morally light, reveals truth and exposes darkness. Jesus is the light of the world. We are salt and light only because we belong to Jesus and reflect who He is.)*
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 5:13. What does it mean for you to be the salt of the earth? *(Salt preserves meat and keeps it from decaying. You're called to prevent the decay of our culture and people and fight FOR the least of these. Salt makes you thirsty - live in a way to help people thirst for God. Salt adds flavor. We should be salt in our homes and communities and make everything better.)*  
**Deepen:** What happens when salt loses its saltiness? *(It becomes useless and is thrown out. A disciple who does not live out their faith has no preserving or kingdom impact.)*
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 5:14-16. How are you the light of the world and where are you shining the light? *(Light pushes back darkness. We live in a dark world. The church is for the glory of God on display to the people to be drawn to Him by us. We reflect Christ, who is the light.)*  
**Deepen:** What basket is covering your light and how can you allow Jesus to remove it? *(Is it pride, fear of what others think, distraction, comfort?)*
- **Read Matthew 5:16. Share a time you experienced someone being salt and light or a time when someone noticed something different about you that glorified God.**

**Action Step:** Spend time in prayer every day this week resting in your identity as a child of God and a saved, born again follower of Jesus.

Do one act of service or obedience that costs you something and is rooted in your love for Christ for the glory of God.

## Your Discipleship Journey

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