



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 2: Mountain to Mountain
Episode 3: The Gospel Changes Everything
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LEADER NOTES – *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less: S4E1: How to get everyone in your group involved and engaged* Listen to ALL episodes for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

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

Sermon Text: *Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 5:20-48; Romans 8:1; 12:18; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5: 14; Ephesians 4:26*

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 5:20-48. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Jesus takes some of the Old Testament law and elevates it. What does this tell you about who God is and how He thinks about sin?** *(God is holy and sin separates us from God. He wants us to be reconciled and united with him. This teaching should be convicting but not condemning. Remember: You don't need to justify what you've done. You need to be justified by the blood of Jesus. See Romans 8:1.)*
- **Read Matthew 5:20 and 2 Corinthians 5:14. How is sin more of a heart problem than a behavior problem?** *(The "righteousness" of the Pharisee was an external and public show to earn God's approval - not a heart driven response to the love of God.)*
- **Read Matthew 5:21-26, Ephesians 4:26 and Romans 12:18. What are you called to do with your anger with others?** *(God is slow to anger and we should be, too. We are commanded to respond how Jesus responded to us – forgive. If possible, reconcile and live at peace. Remember we are ALL image bearers of God.)*
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 5:27-30 and 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. **What do you need to tear out, cut off and throw away when you're tempted by lust?** *(Flee, set up guardrails and get support. But until you are captivated by a greater affection for Jesus you won't get to the root of the sin problem. Lust is commodifying an image bearer of God for your own benefit. Lust takes; love serves. Lust thinks about me; love thinks about others.)*
Deepen: **How can men and women honor each other and avoid falling into adulterous relationships?** *(Sex is such a big deal that a man and woman should give their lives to each other in marriage first. Marriage is an image of God's love for us and also a death to your old self. Allow Jesus to transform you from the inside out to reflect Christ's love for his bride, and his sacrifice in giving himself up for her. See Ephesians 5:25-26.)*
- **Read Matthew 5:31-32. What can you do if you're divorced, or divorced and remarried?** *(Be convicted, not condemned. See Romans 8:31-39. Confess and repent because somewhere sin was involved. Forgive. In the kingdom there aren't second chances to try and fix your past. Instead, there's the blood of Jesus and from now on – your new life in Christ. The world says if he or she doesn't make you happy, move on. God says pursue love at great expense to yourself. That kind of love transforms you and brings you joy.)*
- **Read Matthew 5:43–47. Discuss a time you prayed for your enemies. How did it change you?**
- **Now that you've been studying Matthew 5:21-48, discuss how God treated you when you sinned against Him in these same ways.** *(You stirred His anger through your rebellion; He graced you. You commodified Him to get what you wanted; He loved you back. You were unfaithful and gave him every reason to leave you; He will never leave you or forsake you. You've broken your promises to him too many times to count; He is faithful. With your sin you've slapped the face of almighty God; He willingly took the pain and punishment for your sin. You were his enemy; He loved you into His family.)*

Action Step: Jesus says love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44). Ask Jesus to help you identify one person you struggle to love. Pray for their good every day this week and ask God to bless them.

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