

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” -Jesus

This is the last week for our group discussion notes before our groups break for the trimester, so we want to spend some time wrapping up the Sermon on the Mount this week.

1. Read Matthew 7:24-29. What stands out to you as Jesus concludes his sermon? What’s Jesus’s main point?
2. In what ways does the Golden Rule sum up much of Jesus’s teaching in the Sermon on the Mount and even the entire Old Testament? What specific ways can you practice the Golden Rule this week?
3. Jesus began his sermon describing a person who is “blessed” or “flourishing,” before proceeding to tell us how we can live a life of flourishing. How is Jesus’s vision for the good life different from the world’s vision for the good life? How is it better?
4. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus calls his followers the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” How does living according to Jesus’s teaching in the Sermon on the Mount lead to Christians being salt and light in the world? What are the results that come from Christians living this way?
5. What stood out to you most from the Sermon on the Mount? What’s one thing you hope to remember forever? Why?