

# MasterClass

LESSONS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## MESSAGE RECAP

Jesus has preached a message to His disciples on some very heavy topics. As we allow His words to equip and empower us, we come to realize that spiritual growth is often harder than we expected. We have an enemy who wants to tempt and distract us from growing closer to Jesus, and Jesus tells us the answer is prayer. He teaches us to pray for our spiritual lives by continuing to ask, seek, and knock. The Kingdom of God begins in our hearts.

- 1** **Read Matthew 7:7-8.** What words does Jesus use here in place of “pray”? What might that say about how Jesus sees prayer? What result does each action in these verses yield? Does that mean we can ask for anything and God will give it to us? How does knowing the rest of the Sermon help us keep these verses in context?
- 2** **Read Matthew 7:9-11.** How does Jesus further expound on prayer being relational in these verses? What word describes the gifts God give His children? Has this been your experience? Jesus uses the language of “how much more” several times in the gospels. How do you sense that seeing God rightly is foundational to our prayer life? Has God ever answered your prayers in ways you didn’t ask?
- 3** **Read Matthew 7:12.** While this saying did not originate with Jesus, He was the first to phrase it in a positive way. How does that phrasing make a difference? How does it sum up the essence of the law and prophets? Share with the group how you can make this a filter for your own actions using a specific example.
- 4** **Read Matthew 7:13-14.** Describe the two paths Jesus mentions. What does the fact that there is no third option tell us? What does Jesus mean when He says enter through the narrow gate (Read John 10:9-10)? How do you reconcile Jesus’ words about the road being difficult but also that He came to give us a rich and satisfying life? Describe your own experiences in this area.
- 5** **Read Matthew 26:36-42.** What did Jesus know about prayer? What does this story teach us about Jesus’ view of God and how it impacted His prayer life? What impacts you most in this account of Jesus’ last day on earth?

## RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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