

Series: Living the Dream
The Sermon on the Mount
 November Life Group No: 1

No	Questions / Tasks / Activities / Discussion Points
1.	<p>CHECK OUT the video by Jon Baldwin leading us through this study (25 mins approx.).</p> <p>This can be paused along the way to allow for discussion or watched in one go. If people can't watch it immediately please encourage them to watch the video in their own time.</p>
2.	<p>Discuss.</p> <p>What do you know about the Sermon on the Mount?</p>
3.	<p>Read Matthew 7:24. What did Jesus mean?</p> <p>Read Matthew 7:28-29. Why were people amazed at the teachings of Jesus?</p>
4.	<p>Discuss.</p> <p>As followers of Jesus Christ we believe the Bible is relevant to us, our society, our context. What does the word relevant mean?</p>
5.	<p>Discuss.</p> <p>The Sermon on the Mount has been called 'Counter Cultural'. What is the definition of 'Counter Cultural'?</p>
6.	<p>Consider.</p> <p>How is the church different from the 'world'?</p> <p>What is unique about the church that sets us apart from the prevailing culture?</p>
7.	<p>Discuss.</p> <p>Why do you think it is important that we understand the History, Society, Culture of the day in which Jesus lived?</p>
8.	<p>Spot the difference?!</p> <p>How does the 1st Century AD (Jesus time) compare with our scenario and situation in the 21st Century? Try and spot some similarities as well as differences.</p>

9.	<p>Reflect.</p> <p>What does N. T. Wright mean? 'Matthew is quite clearly offering a manual for discipleship, for a church living as a minority group in a hostile majority culture'.</p>
10.	<p>Group study. As a group read through Matthew 4:23-25</p> <p>What did you learn from this? Where did Jesus go to preach? What was His message? What else did he do? What happened as a result? How far did His fame spread? What does this say about the message of Jesus?</p>
11.	<p>Reflect upon what we have covered this session.</p>
12.	<p>Personal study.</p> <p>Between now and the next Life Group / Growth Track</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read through Matthew chapter 5. - Watch the Beatitudes devotionals on Facebook or via our website.