



**Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide:  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT 2.11.2018**

1. Warm-up: What are some movies or TV shows that often make you cry? What about these cause you to cry?
2. READ Matthew 5:4
3. In the ancient world, people in mourning would shave their heads, tear their robes, sit down in ashes, and even spread those ashes on their bodies. We don't do things like this today, but what do you think are the characteristics of "mourning"? What does "mourning" look like in our world now?
4. What are some things that cause you to mourn?
5. READ Matthew 14:13-15
6. Why do you think Jesus puts aside his own wants -- being alone -- to heal others?
7. How is Jesus's act a good example of what the Kingdom of Heaven looks like?
8. On Sunday, Ryan said that Jesus calls us to share in the mourning of others -- to show compassion and empathy. When was the last time you went out of your way to help someone in need? What propelled you to do so?
9. READ Romans 12:15. What would it look like in our church community if we lived out the words of this verse? What are some tangible ways you can show compassion and empathy for others?

**Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. If you or someone in your group is comfortable, give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.**