



Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: SERMON ON THE MOUNT 06.03.2018

Recap:

- You can't divide life into compartments where God is involved and where God isn't involved: God is involved in all aspects of our lives whether we want God there or not.
- As a church for the community, we don't so much have the responsibility to take God out into the community as much as we have the responsibility to meet God where God is already at work.
- Sometimes it feels like God is missing in our lives, but we have this promise that God is behind us, beside us, and before us even when it's hardest to see him there.
- To live in God's Kingdom is to see God everywhere. If we look, we will find God in heaven, on earth, in sacred places, and even in our own lives.

Discuss:

- Share a time in which you made a promise to do something that you later regretted having made that promise. Did you go through with the promise? Why?
- Read Matthew 5:33-37.
- Do you think making promises is a big deal? Why do you think we value someone's word or promise?
- Do you think that Jesus is saying that we shouldn't make promises?
- Rather than swear to keep a promise by God's name they would swear on things like heaven, earth, cities, or their hair. It sounds crazy to us but the point is they were trying to pretend God wasn't present in the situation. Jesus taught in these verses that this line of thinking was ridiculous because God was present everywhere.
- Read Psalm 139:7-12.
- Pastor Ryan said that we should not compartmentalize God in our lives. Is this true for you? Are there areas of your life that you compartmentalize God?
- How do you think compartmentalizing God devalues our faith?
- What are some ways that you can look for God around you?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings about the Presence of God

- Jeremiah 23:23-24
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Revelation 21:3-6