



## **Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: SERMON ON THE MOUNT 07.22.2018**

### Recap:

- The biggest problem in the church today are people who just want to play church. As in Jesus' time, so often, we want to read the right things, say the right things, pray the right prayers but don't always do the right thing for the right reason.
- Your impact isn't measured by the things you accumulate or consume. It's not about the size of your bank account. It's not about what anyone else thinks about you.
- You have been invited to participate in the Kingdom of God and to help create and invite others into that reality. God created you to have gifts, talents, skill, time, resources, and passion for a reason.
- Do not serve out of guilt or pressure. Serve because you want to make an impact. Serve because you want to see the Kingdom of God play out in our world.

### Discuss:

- What is a valuable physical possession that you have lost, been stolen, or lose purpose/value/function? How did you feel?
- What non-physical treasures do you value most? What makes them important to you?
- READ Matthew 6:19-24.
- The Greek word for "healthy" in verse 22 implies generosity. How is a body "full of light" when a person sees generously?
- The Greek word for "unhealthy" in verse 23 implies "stinginess." How is a body "full of darkness", when a person sees stingily?
- In verse 24, what do you think it means to serve money? How can you tell whether you are serving God or money?
- What are some gifts, talents, skills, time, resources, or passion that you think you can share? Do you feel called to serve in a particular way? If so, share how.
- What are some ways that you can support others in recognizing any gifts, talents, skills, time, resources, or passion that they have to serve?

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 Serving God

- Deuteronomy 6
- Luke 12:13-21
- Galatians 6:1-10