



Small Discipleship Groups
Sermon Guide Questions
31 JULY 2022



Opener:

- *What makes a good sermon? What makes a bad sermon?*
- *UCM has been studying the Sermon on the Mount now for six weeks. What part of Jesus' sermon has impacted you most so far? This sermon has been labeled by many as "the greatest sermon ever preached." Would you agree with that statement? Does the Sermon on the Mount fit your definition of a "good sermon"? Why, or why not?*

1. Discuss Francis Kong's discussion on, "Contrasts and Comparisons":

What comparisons or contrasts between the Old Testament and the New Testament did Francis mention? Which of those had you not considered before?

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2. What differences do you see between Exodus 24:12 and 2 Corinthians 3:3? Why are these differences important?

3. Francis mentioned, “In the Old Testament, the law was given from a distance, but in

the New Testament, Jesus invites us.” What do you think this comparison means, and why is it important?

4. Francis contrasted Kingdom values of living in the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-11) with the world’s values. How are Jesus’ values strange when compared to worldly values?

5. Read Matthew 11:28-29. The “yoke” was considered the teaching of the rabbi in ancient times. How do you think the teaching in the Sermon on the Mount is an “easier” yoke and a “lighter” load than the teachings the world offers?

6. As a group, can you think of other “contrasts and comparisons” made in the Bible?

- Use Matthew 7:13-14, Galatians 5:19-23, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 1:23-31 as examples.

- How does Jesus present the “better way” to live in the Sermon on the Mount?

Pray together that the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount would deeply impact the members of your group in the weeks to come.



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