



The Sermon on the Mount / Week 1
Matthew 4:23-5:2 ESV

- Read the passage again. What stands out to you about this passage?
- Through the sermon, have you identified what kingdom you are living for or living in? One way to identify this is to ask, "Where do I spend my time, money, and energy? What is your biggest temptation to build your kingdom on?"
- Am I willing to pursue Jesus and explore his kingdom?
 1. Jesus is Pursuing You
 - Do you ever spend time with God just thanking him that he initiated this relationship with you? What does this time look like for you?
 - When has someone in your life initiated a relationship with you? How did this make you feel?
 - Will you commit to reaching out to someone this year for the sake of Christ's kingdom?
 2. Jesus has Real Power and Authority
 - Does it make a difference to you that Jesus is declared to be the Lord over all things as you embark on this adventure of exploring his kingdom?
 3. Jesus Wants to Help You Figure This Out
 - Jesus asks us the same question that he asks the disciples later in Matthew, "Who do you say I am"?
 - Have you ever taken the initial step of placing your faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins?
 - How does Christ's compassion for you strengthen and encourage you to have compassion on others? The call on our lives is to be imitators of God (Eph. 4:32, 5:1).

This is the best known teaching of Jesus but the least understood and certainly the least obeyed.

-John Stott