

# 10 Week GROUP GUIDE



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# ERIES

History seems to be the story of the rise and fall of one human empire after another, but when Jesus arrived on this earth, He began to teach about an everlasting Kingdom. A Kingdom that is 'not of this world'. A Kingdom whose citizens live in and among the empires of this world as strangers and aliens.

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 - 7) is considered to be Jesus' magnum opus. In the Sermon, Jesus reveals the behavior, culture, and values of a Kingdom Citizen, which - when lived - cause them to stand in stark contrast to the citizen of the empire. In the Citizen series, we will enter the Sermon and discover the answer to the question: Which has my allegiance - the Kingdom or the empire?

#### **OUR MISSION**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Jesus the Messiah

#### **OUR VISION**

To bring the hope of Jesus to all people.

We will do this by
Sharing the Gospel,
Connecting them to the Church,
Equipping them for Ministry, and
Multiplying disciples.

#### **OUR VALUES**

As we follow Jesus, we live out His values:

Biblical Truth
Real Relationships
Inspired Worship
Selfless Service
Spirit-Led Living

# **GROUP GUIDELINES**

#### **Ground Rules**

Here are some guidelines for your gatherings.

#### Confidentiality

If the group is going to move towards authenticity, then what's shared in the group should stay in the group (note: for situations that you are not qualified to speak into, use a referal to Cornerstone Counseling).

#### Don't Rescue and Don't Fix

Let people openly share without trying to solve their problems. Only give advice if they request it.

#### No Crosstalk

People feel valued when we listen. The opposite is true as well: people will feel devalued if they are constantly interrupted. If someone has the floor, no other conversations should be happening.

#### Give Everyone a Chance to Share

Everyone has something to contribute and everyone should feel heard. Don't be too quick to provide all of the answers. Give others space to share.

#### **Use Humor Responsibly**

Our conversation should build up rather than tear down. Humor can be a great thing provided it is not used as the expense of others.

#### Use 'I' Statements

Groups are an opportunity for self-reflection. We should be quick to reflect on how what we are studying should shape us personally, and slow to tell others how it should shape them.

#### Fight for the Relationship

Real relationships only thrive when we commit to 'fight' for the relationship. We will not hide from conflict or disagreement, but will instead discuss them in an open and healthy way.

#### **Leader Guidelines**

Thank you for taking the time to invest in others by leading a group. As a leader, your task is to create an environment where real relationships can thrive. Here are some things to keep in mind as you do that:

#### Multiply.

The mission of the church is to multiply disciples. Groups are one of the environments where this occurs. You are involved in the discipleship of each person in your group. We ask that each of our group leaders has someone who they are equipping to be a disciple-maker.

#### Create a safe environment.

When we say 'safe', we mean an environment where participants can freely share without feeling belittled or that what they share will get spread beyond the group. When we say 'safe', we also mean a group where participants can encounter Jesus and His plan for their life.

#### Recognize that your group is unique.

This booklet is designed to be a general guide, but every group is unique. So when you're planning, take into account what does and doesn't work for your group and shape the session to their personalities and needs.

#### Review the ground rules.

Periodically, remind your group about the ground rules for the group.

#### Ask lots of questions.

Engaging leaders draw participants into the discussion. Ask many questions and lead your group into self-discovery. Follow the 70/30 rule: your goal should be to talk for less than 30% of the time. If you're going over that, then people in your group are going to feel limited in their ability to engage!

#### Get feedback.

Improve your group by asking others for feedback.

#### Seek wise council.

There are some questions you won't be able to answer and some situations you aren't trained to handle. That's OK! Know who your wise council is (whether a coach, minister, or another disciplemaker) and turn to them in your time of need.

For more on this topic, check out **Servant-Leadership Training** and the **CCW Group Leader Training 2.0** resource on RightNow Media.

#### **Before the Session**

As a group leader, it's essential to be prepared. Before the group session:

**Pray**. God is the one doing the transformation.

**Read the Bible passage.** Write down questions and observations.

**Preview the session guide.** Highlight important questions to ask and add your own.

**Tap into study resources.** Check outside sources to expand your understanding of the topic.

#### **During the Session**

**Share**: Take time to review the content from last week. Use this time to do a life check-up, asking about prayer requests and challenge accountability from the previous session.

**Transition**: Ask an Icebreaker question and introduce the topic (we give you an example on each talk sheet).

**Read It:** Read through the Scripture passage. If it's a larger section of scripture, break it into smaller sections and ask questions throughout.

Talk About It: There are two types of questions that help your group digest what you're reading:

Review: These questions help your group retell the story in their own words.

Reflect: These questions help your group to bridge the gap between the Biblical text and their own life.

**Apply It**: Apply what you have learned by asking the *React* questions. As a group leader, it will be your responsibility to help participants set specific goals for how they will apply these truths to their lives (we call these *Challenges*).

**Pray Together**: Find creative ways to engage your group in prayer.

#### **After the Session**

**Follow Up**: Be present with group members throughout the week by: (1) Reminding them of their application/challenge commitments, (2) Checking in on needs and prayer requests and (3) Finding opportunities to do life together.

**Input Group Attendance**: Fill out your Group attendance in the ChurchTeams email that you receive.

If you run into issues or need help navigating challenging circumstances in your group, contact me and I would be honored to help out.

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# Session One THE KINGDOM

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 What makes you proud to be an American? What are some common cultural traits or values in Americans?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

In the Citizen series, we'll be looking at what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God. We'll discover what a Kingdom Citizen looks like by reading through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 - 7) and other connected Scripture. In this session, we'll take a look at what the Kingdom of God is.

#### **Talk About It**

#### Review:

• The Kingdom is mentioned over 100 times in the Second Testament. We will read some of the Scripture that references the Kingdom. In each, what do we discover about the Kingdom?

> 1 Corinthians 4:20; Romans 14:17; John 18:36; 1 Corinthians 15:50; Mark 4:30 - 32; Matthew 13:44 - 46; Mark 10:15; Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:13 -14; Luke 17:20 - 21; John 3:5

#### Reflect:

- What Kingdom quality do you find to be most surprising?
- How does this Kingdom look different than the empire we currently live in?

 How can we be a Kingdom citizen while still living in this space?

Say: Now let's talk about why the Sermon on the Mount is so important to our understanding of what it means to be a Kingdom Citizen. We'll start by watching a video by the BibleProject.

Watch: **On Earth as it is in Heaven** (bibleproject.com)

Read: Matthew 7:24 - 28

#### Review:

- (24 25) Where did the wise man build his house? What happened when the storm came?
- (26 27) Where did the foolish man build his house? What happened when the storm came?
- Who does Jesus say is wise? Who is a fool?

#### Reflect:

- What happens when we fail to build our lives on the teachings of Jesus? Why?
- What parts of your 'foundation' have you seen erode because of being built on the wrong thing?

#### React:

- How will you build your life on the right thing this week?
- What is a Kingdom trait that you need to add to your value system?

## Session Two

## **CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM...**

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

- What are some of your favorite traits about yourself?
- waiting for?

heaven?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

The Kingdom of God is full of citizens of that Kingdom. But Jesus' description of those citizens is very different than what we might expect. This session, we'll answer: who does the Kingdom of God belong to?

#### **Talk About It**

Watch: A Suprising New World (bibleproject.com)

Read: Matthew 5:3 - 16

#### Review:

- (3) What does Jesus mean by 'blessed'?
- (3 10) As a group, review each of the Kingdom traits that Jesus describes. How would you describe this trait in your own words?
- If we made a list of traits that makes an American great, how might it look different than Jesus' list?
- (13) Why does Jesus compare Kingdom citizens to 'salt'? What happens to 'unsalty' salt?
- (14 16) How are Kingdom citizens like a 'light'?

#### Reflect:

• Which of the traits that Jesus cited were the most surprising to you?

(20 - 21) What are Kingdom Citizens

(20) What does it mean to be a 'citizen' of

- Which of the Kingdom traits do you feel the most disconnect from?
- Is it possible to be a 'dual citizen' of both the Kingdom and an empire? Why?
- How has your life been 'salt' and 'light' to those around you? If it is not, what do you think is standing in the way?

#### React:

- When looking at your life, would you describe it in terms of a Kingdom citizen or an empire citizen?
- Which blessing from Jesus' list would you most like to receive? What would it take to develop that trait in your life?

**Challenge**: Choose one Kingdom trait (from Matthew 5:3 - 10) that you will carry with you this week. Write it on a notecard and place it in an attention-grabbing location. When you see it, turn to God in prayer - asking Him to develop this trait in you.

### **Pray Together**

Read: Philippians 3:17 - 21

#### Review:

 (19) According to the writer of Philippians, what are the traits that we would see in a citizen of this world?

# Session Three ...CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 When have you had to apologize for something that you weren't truly sorry about?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

In this session, we will look at how Kingdom citizens choose a different path than anger and retribution. Before we get there, there is a short passage that can be difficult to understand. We will get some help from the BibleProject.

Read: Matthew 5:17 - 20

Watch: **Finding God's Wisdom** (bibleproject.com)

#### **Talk About It**

Read: Matthew 5:21 - 26

#### Review:

- (21) What is wise about the statement that Jesus quotes?
- (22) How does Jesus intensify the previous statement about 'murder' in His teachings? What is the danger of responding in anger?
- (23 24) What example does Jesus give about reconciliation? What illustration might we use today?
- (25 26) What is the second illustration that Jesus uses? Why does He note something so practical?

- (21 22) What is Peter's initial question and Jesus' shocking answer?
- (23 27) What happened to the first servant when he stood before the king?
- (28 30) How did the forgiven servant respond to the servant that owed him money?
- (31 34) How did the king respond to the unforgiveness of the servant?
- (35) According to Jesus, what's the point of this story?

#### Reflect:

- What is challenging about Jesus' teaching on forgiveness? How is this different than what our culture would say about forgiveness and arguments?
- Why is forgiveness such an important quality for a Kingdom Citizen?
- What happens when we choose the path of unforgiveness?
- How challenging is the process of forgiveness to you? What unforgiveness do you find yourself holding onto?

#### React:

 What concrete step will you take towards forgiveness this week?

**Challenge:** Take time to complete the Extending Forgiveness worksheet (p.15 - 16).

#### **Pray Together**

Read: Matthew 18:21 - 35

Review:

# Session Fowl ....STAND BY THEIR WORD

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 What's the most ourageous lie that you've ever told?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

We live in a culture where we're called to be 'true to ourselves'. This means that commitments and promises last as long as they don't interfere with our personal happiness. Jesus calls Kingdom Citizens to a different standard: to be people of their word.

#### **Talk About It**

Read: Matthew 5:27 - 37

#### Review:

- (27 30) How does Jesus intensify the command to not commit adultery?
- What illustrations does Jesus use to show how serious lust is?
- (31 32) What are Jesus' teachings on divorce? What is the product of marrying a divorced person?
- (33 36) What does Jesus have to say about oaths? What is His reasoning?
- (37) Why does Jesus encourage us to be people of our word?

#### Read: James 5:12

#### Review:

 What does the writer of James say is the result of reckless oath-making?

#### Reflect:

How do the conversations about adultury,

divorce, and oaths flow together?

- Why is Jesus so serious about Kingdom Citizens using simple language in their commitments?
- What is the cultural perspective about commitments and oaths?
- What are the practical consequences of breaking our word?
- How much weight do you give to the commitments that you make? Are you quick to make commitments that you later regret?
- Is there ever an appropriate time to lie or to break our oath?

#### React:

- What commitments do you need to follow through on this week?
- What boundaries do you need to build into your life to be a person of your word?



#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 What are the most meaningful ways that someone can show that they love you?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

Love is a concept that's heavily abused in our culture, where it tends to be cheap, selffocused, and indulgent. According to Jesus, a Kingdom Citizen is called to a different kind of love.

#### **Talk About It**

Read: Matthew 5:38 - 48

#### Review:

- (38) How have you heard the concept of 'eye for eye' used in our culture?
- (39 42) How does Jesus give a Kingdom perspective to our reaction to being wronged? What illustrations does He use to illustrate loving those who hurt you?
- (43 44) Who does Jesus call us to love?
   Who would our culture say that we owe love to?
- (45 48) What reasons does Jesus give for our need to love our enemies?

Read: Romans 12:14 - 21

#### Review:

- (14 16) Who does the writer of Romans call us to love? According to the writer, what does that love look like?
- (17 18) As a Kingdom Citizen, what kind of impression are we to leave on the people around us?
- · (19 20) How is revenge counter to the

command to love?

• (21) How are we supposed to overcome evil?

#### Reflect:

- How is Kingdom love different than the love we see in the world around us?
- Who do you find it most challenging to love?
- Is it ever permissable to choose hatred over love (think about the extremes -Hitler, terrorists)? When is vengeance an appropriate response by Kingdom Cizitens?
- How are our understandings of capital punishment, home defense, and war shaped by Jesus' teachings?
- How do empire citizens overcome the evils of our world? What are you using to overcome the evils of this world?

#### React:

- How has you understanding of love, justice, and retributive violence been shaped by a culture other than the Kingdom?
- What evil in this world can you begin to overcome with the love of Jesus?

# Session Six ...WORSHIP TRULY

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 When are you most drawn into worship of God?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

Worship is the practice of giving to God the honor that He deserves. Unfortunately, our worship is often shaped by warped habits and our tendency to worship the wrong things. In this session, we'll take a look at what true worship looks like for Kingdom Citizens.

#### **Talk About It**

Read: Matthew 6:1 - 18

#### Review:

- (1) What warning does Jesus give us about our acts of worship?
- (2 4) What is the first worship habit that Jesus addresses? How is our giving to be done?
- (5 15) What is the second worship habit that Jesus addresses?
- (5 8) What two warnings does Jesus give about our prayer life? How are Kingdom Citizens called to pray?
- (9 13) In Jesus' model prayer, what does He encourage Kingdom Citizens to pray for?
- (14 15) What is the cost of unforgiveness in our prayer life?
- (16 18) What is the third worship habit that Jesus addresses? How are Kingdom Citizens called to fast?

Review:

- What does Jesus say are the essential qualities of Kingdom worship?
- What does it mean to worship in 'Spirit' and in 'Truth'?

#### Reflect:

- What habits and practices have been critical to your worship of God?
- What distractions stand in the way of your worship?
- Which of the practices that Jesus talked about (giving, praying, fasting) might you need to explore?
- What are some bad motivations for worship? What are some warning signs that might help you to know when your motivation for worship is unhealthy?
- When it comes to 'Spirit' and 'Truth', which do you find easier to engage in worship? What would it look like to grow in the other?

#### React:

 How will Jesus' teachings about Kingdom Citizens shape your worship practices this week?

#### **Pray Together**

Read: John 4:23 - 24

## ...TREASURE THE RIGHT THINGS

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 When you were a child, what was your greatest treasure? What happened to that treasure?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

There are all kinds of things to treasure in this world, but Jesus tells us that Kingdom Citizens choose to treasure the right things. In this session, we'll discover where true treasure is found.

#### **Talk About It**

Read: Matthew 6:19 - 24

#### Review:

- (19 20) What reason does Jesus give for storing up your treasure in the Kingdom of God (heaven)?
- (21) What does Jesus mean by this statement? How have you seen this to be true?
- (22 23) What does it mean for your eyes to be 'the lamp of the body'? If your eyes desire the wrong things, what would that do to your heart?
- (24) When Jesus says 'masters' what is He referring to? What is the product of serving multiple masters?

Read: Colossians 3:1 - 6

#### Review:

- (1 2) As Kingdom Citizens, where are our hearts to be set? What does it mean to set our hearts on things above?
- (3 4) What reason does the writer of Colossians give for setting our mind on things above?

What is bringing about the wrath of God?

#### Reflect:

- What are some things that are commonly considered treasures in our current culture?
- As a group, choose a few common treasures and consider what they lead to (e.g. money, alcohol, popularity).
- What temporary treasures have you turned to in order to find eternal purpose and identity?
- How does one go about storing up 'treasures in heaven' rather than on earth?
- How do your heart and mind shape the treasures you value and the focus of your life?
- How do you go about refocusing your heart and mind on things above?

#### React:

- How will you begin to store up Kingdom treasure this week?
- What is a specific pattern of thinking that you need to repent of in order to 'set your mind on things above'?



#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 When have you had to trust someone in the midst of an uncomfortable situation or crisis?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

Citizens of the empire have to trust in systems, broken heroes, and themselves - and all of those things disappoint eventually. Citizens of the Kingdom trust in God - as Jesus teaches in our reading in this session.

#### Talk About It

Read: Matthew 6:25 - 34

#### Review:

- (25 27) What does Jesus say we should not worry about? What two reasons does He give for not worrying?
- (28 30) What else does Jesus tell us not to worry about? What example does He provide to show God's provision?
- (31 32) What are the common worries that people have in our culture?
- (33) Instead of worry, where does Jesus say our focus needs to be? What does it mean to 'seek' these things first?

Read: Philippians 4:6 - 7

#### Review:

 According to the writer of Philippians, how should we respond to the worries of this life? What promise do we receive when we learn to turn our anxieties over to God? Read: Matthew 11:28 - 30

#### Review:

Who does Jesus invite into relationship?
 What does it mean to take up His 'yoke'?
 What is the promise received when we choose this path?

#### Reflect:

- According to what we read, what does it mean to be a Kingdom Citizen? What might this mean in the current political year?
- What worries creep into your life? What triggers these worries? What is the product of that anxiety?
- What do you find yourself 'seeking' instead of the Kingdom of God? What is the danger in this?
- How does one move from being a person of 'worry and anxiety' to a person of 'peace'?
- What hope do you receive from the promises in Scripture that we read today?

#### React:

 Kingdom Citizens choose to put their trust in God in spite of their circumstances. What worry will you entrust God with this week?

# Session Nine ...SEE OTHERS TRULY

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 When have you had a first impression about someone that turned out to be completely wrong?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

Citizens of the empire make quick judgements about the character and motivations of other people. Kingdom Citizens learn to see others in a new way - through God's eyes.

#### **Talk About It**

Read: Matthew 7:1 - 6

#### Review:

- (1 2) What warning does Jesus give about judgement?
- (3 5) What arrogant action does Jesus address in this passage? What does it mean to focus on the 'plank' in our own eye?
- (6) This is a challenging verse that focuses on people's receptivity to hearing the Good News of Jesus. What is the danger of sharing that news with those who are unreceptive (the dogs and the pigs)? How can you judge when someone is receptive to that news?

Read: **James 4:11 - 12** 

#### Review:

- What is slander and how is it related to judgement?
- According to James, what happens when we choose to judge others?

 Whose responsibility is it to judge and why is He the Perfect Judge?

Read: Romans 2:1 - 3

#### Review:

 What reason does the writer of Romans give for why our judgement is faulty?

#### Reflect:

- What is the attitude of our world towards judging others their on motivations and behavior?
- What filter for judgement do you use that leads to a faulty vision of others?
- If the 'measure' we use to judge other people is the 'measure that will be used to judge us, what kind of measurement would you like to use?
- Is there a time and a place for Kingdom Citizen's to make judgements about others? If so, what are our measures for judgement? What is the goal of this judgement?
- How might a Kingdom Citizen learn to see themselves and others the way that God sees them?

#### React:

 Who (or what group of people) do you need to see with God's eyes instead of your own? How will you begin to make the shift to seeing them as a child of God?

# Session Ten ...CHOOSE OBEDIENCE

#### **Icebreaker**

Open the conversation with a fun question:

 When did an act of disobedience land you in a heap of trouble?

#### **Transition**

Describe the goal by saying something like:

Citizens of the empire choose a limited obedience to a greater power - but are ultimately obedient to their own internal desires. Citizens of the Kingdom are obedient to the Creator of all things, first and foremost. As we wrap up our conversation on the Sermon on the Mount, we'll look at what Kingdom Obedience looks like.

#### **Talk About It**

Read: Matthew 7:7 - 23

Review:

- (7 8) What promise does Jesus give to those who ask, seek, and knock? What is it that He is calling us to ask for?
- (9 11) What kind of gifts can we expect form the Perfect Father?
- (13 14) Where does the broad gate lead?
   What does this broad gate represent?
   Where does the narrow gate lead? What does the narrow gate represent?
- (15 19) Who are Kingdom Citizens supposed to be on watch for? How do these false teachers initially appear? How can we recognize whether a teacher is from God or from something else?
- (21 23) According to Jesus, who will be allowed to enter into the Kingdom? What's the difference between those who are allowed entrance and those who are not?

#### Reflect:

- What are you hesitant to ask God for?
   What holds you back from making these requests of God?
- What are some empty philosophies and beliefs that we see leading people to walk the 'broad path'?
- How might you evaluate whether you're on the 'narrow path' or another?
- What are some examples of 'false teachers' that people in our culture allow to inform their life?
- What are the effects of false teachers inside of the church of our world? What are fauly filters that you have used in the past to determine who is a good or bad teacher? What kind of 'fruit' do you look for in those you allow to speak into your life?

We started the series by reading these words. We'll wrap up by reading them again:

Read: Matthew 7:24 - 29

#### React:

- Thinking back over the last ten weeks, what have you learned about what it means to be a Kingdom Citizen?
- What is your responsibility to the Kingdom of God this week?
- How will being a Kingdom Citizen shape how you approach the coming election?

#### **Pray Together**

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## **EXTENDING FORGIVENESS**

Find a space to be alone with God. Enter this prayer with the request: Reveal any source of unforgiveness in my life.

10 Minutes Listen to God. Jot down any names that come to mind below.

**10 Minutes** Consider areas of unforgiveness through the various stages of your life. In each stage, consider where you have been hurt or wronged and if the issue has been left unresolved. Record the name of the offender in each category.

Childhood (0 - 11):

Adolescence (12 - 18):

Young Adult (19 - 26):

Adult (27 - Now):

20 Minutes In the chart, record the names associated with your unforgiveness.

**Choose Forgiveness**: Forgiveness is a spiritual and emotional release from the wounded area of our life. It's a choice to see the other person as someone made in God's image and to love them. Ask God to give you the supernatural ability to release the anger, sorrow, and hurt associated with this person entirely - to break the shackles of unforgiveness that have grown in your life.

**Make Reconciliation a Priority**: Reconciliation is the process of moving towards a repaired relationship and to show love towards the offender. With each name, take time to prayerfully consider what reconciling with that person might look like. What steps do you need to take to embrace this person with the love of God?

Note: Sometimes because of distance, death, and other reasons, reconciliation may be limited. In these situations, do what you can to provide that release. For instance, perhaps the person who wronged you has passed away. Reconciliation might involve writing a letter and leaving it at their gravesite.

1	Name of Offender	The Wound	Steps to Reconciliation
1	Elizabeth	Betrayed friendship by gossiping about me.	Ask to meet for coffee. Express the hurt that this event caused me. Share my desire to move towards restoration.
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EXAMPLE

Name of Offender	The Wound	Steps to Reconciliation

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

Get a free RightNow Media account to get access to thousands of study resources. Some potential resources include:

- Your Kingdom Come (Jim Dalrymple): In this series, Jim Dalrymple (New Testament faculty at Ozark Christian College) will unpack Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5-7. This series will share Jesus' opening lines of his ministry and give reminders of how to align yourself with the kingdom of heaven.
- The Beatitudes (Matt Chandler): What does it mean to be blessed? And, more importantly, how do we become someone who is blessed? The kind of life God is calling us to may not look the way we imagined, but it will be better than we could have hoped. In this eight-session series, pastor Matt Chandler takes us through the Beatitudes and shows us what it means to live in the kingdom of God. Through Jesus's teaching, learn what the blessed life really looks like.

#### **BOOKS TO CHECK OUT**

- What if Jesus Was Serious (Skye Jethani)
- The Divine Conspiracy (Dallas Willard)
- Sermon on the Mount (Jen Wilkin)

#### **WEBSITES AND MEDIA**

• **THE BIBLE PROJECT** (www.thebibleproject.com) The Bible Project offers a variety of amazing resources. These videos expand on many of the ideas that we have touched on in this series.

## **CITIZEN READING PLAN**

DATE	SCRIPTURE	DATE	SCRIPTURE
Apr 8	Matthew 5 - 7	☐ May 13	Matthew 5 - 7
Apr 9	Matthew 6:33	May 14	Matthew 6:1 - 4
Apr 10	John 18:33 - 37	☐ May 15	Matthew 6:5 - 15
Apr 11	Matthew 13:44 - 45	☐ May 16	1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24
Apr 12	Matthew 13:1 - 23	☐ May 17	Matthew 6:16 - 18
Apr 13	Matthew 13:24 - 43	☐ May 18	Romans 12:1 - 2
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Apr 15	Matthew 5 - 7	☐ May 20	Matthew 5 - 7
Apr 16	Matthew 5:3 - 12	☐ May 21	Matthew 6:19 - 24
Apr 17	Matthew 5:13 - 16	☐ May 22	1 Timothy 6:17 - 19
Apr 18	James 1:2 - 12	☐ May 23	Luke 12:32 - 34
☐ Apr 19	Luke 18:15 - 17	☐ May 24	Romans 7:14 - 25
Apr 20	Philippians 3:12 - 21	☐ May 25	Galatians 5:13 - 26
Sunday: Join us at CCW		Sunday: J	oin us at CCW
Apr 22	Matthew 5 - 7	☐ May 27	Matthew 5 - 7
Apr 23	Matthew 5:17 - 20	☐ May 28	Matthew 6:25 - 34
Apr 24	Galatians 3:10 - 14	☐ May 29	Philippians 4:4 - 8
Apr 25	Matthew 5:21 - 26		1 Peter 5:6 - 7
Apr 26	James 1:19 - 21	☐ May 31	Proverbs 3:5 - 6
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