

Matthew - The Sermon on the Mount  
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As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

**Open Up:**

- What is a piece of advice or wisdom that has stuck with you over the years? Why do you think it resonated with you?
- When you hear the word "blessed," what comes to mind? How do people typically define blessings in everyday life?

**Read Together:**

As a group, take turns reading Matthew Chapters 5-7 together. The entirety of the Sermon on Mount,

**Discuss Together:**

- The Sermon on the Mount starts with blessing, not commands. Why do you think Jesus begins this way?
- How does Jesus' definition of "blessed" challenge the way we typically view success or happiness?
- Jesus contrasts external obedience with internal heart transformation. How do we sometimes focus more on outward actions than on the heart?
- The narrow path is often seen as simply avoiding sin, but the message suggests it's also about dependence on God. How does that change the way we think about this passage?
- Looking at the Sermon on the Mount as a whole, how does Jesus invite us into transformation rather than just rule-following?

**Pray:**

Have three participants read *The Lord's Prayer* (Matthew 6:9-15). What stands out to you? What resonates with you today?

**challenge** - Pray the Lord's prayer every morning for the next 7 days and be prepared to talk about the experience next week.