



DIGGING DEEPER

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This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to fopc.org/sermon or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This weekend we allowed the scripture to speak for itself by only reading the *Sermon on the Mount* (Matthew 5-7). How did just listening to the scripture challenge you this weekend? What stood out to you?
2. Read through the *Sermon on the Mount* together as a group. As you went through it again, what stood out to you?
3. As we begin a new series at our church, it is important to identify a way that you are hoping to grow and transform as a result of this series. Have everyone in your group share how they are hoping to grow/transform as a result of studying the *Sermon on the Mount*.

PRAY

Spend time as a group praying for the spiritual growth of one another.

If you have time, check out these questions...

Isaiah 55:10-11 | As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Luke 11:28 | He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Nehemiah 8:2-3; 5-6; 8-9 | So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.



These additional verses show us the power of God's word read out loud. In your life, how have you benefitted from hearing the word of God? What are some ways you could add listening to the word of God read out loud in your life?