

## The Uncommon Kingdom: Introduction

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### Discussion and Reflection Guide

#### **The Sermon on the Mount is some of the most well-known teachings of Jesus**

Because of that familiarity we may have picked up some interpretations along the way.

- \*What is your familiarity with this passage in Matthew? What does it mean to you?
- \*What are some ways to consider things we have heard many times with fresh eyes?

#### **The Sermon on the Mount is an invitation into an entirely new way of seeing, hearing, and being**

Read and discuss Matthew 5:1-2(NIV)

**5** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

- \*What do you see in just these two verses that give a hint as to who the teaching is for?
- \*What will that mean about the purpose of the teaching he will give?

#### **'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled' Matt. 5:6**

Read and discuss Jeremiah 2:13 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> "My people have committed two sins:

They have forsaken me,  
the spring of living water,  
and have dug their own cisterns,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

- \*Imagine that you were in that crowd, listening to Jesus. What brought you there? What are you hoping Jesus might do for you?
- \*How have you seen that your legitimate needs sometimes get covered over by shallower desires that promise to fill you?
- \*When have you tried to just 'add Jesus' to what you're already doing or try to bring him into your own thing?

#### **The Sermon on the Mount guides us to seek the Uncommon Kingdom**

God wants to wholly and completely form us into the likeness of His son.

- \*What needs are you desperately working to meet or have met right now? How is that working?
- \*Is there a shallow well or broken cistern you are trying to drink from? What would it look like to take those needs to Jesus?
- \*What is the Spirit saying to you about the way of the Uncommon Kingdom? How do you sense you can be ready to discover this new way of being for the next few months?