

Recap:

Sermon on the mount is creatively called Sermon on the Mount because it took place on a mountainside. Jesus would have taught this several different times in several different mountains. Matthew consolidates it. This part of the Bible is the most popular of Jesus' teachings, and the least followed.

Jesus realizes what He's doing here, He's offending people on purpose. He's moving people from simply being part of the crowd to being the church. Jesus has gathered his crowd by teaching, preaching, and healing. Now He's empowering the crowd to live differently as the church.

1. Which part of the Bible do you find 'easier' to follow N.T. or O.T.?
2. Do you have a similar experience with faith that Marc did with grumpy Christians or fake Christians? How does it help that Jesus chooses the word 'blessed' which translates to happy? Happy are these people.....
3. Jesus uses a word that describes a bunch of different categories, poor. What kind of people are poor in 2019?
4. In your opinion what happens when churches try to look, act, and speak like the rest of the world? **(This is from a John Stott quote: Nothing kills the church faster than trying to look, act, and function as the world around it. We should understand our culture, Jesus says to be in the culture, but not of the culture).**
5. What is the most challenging part of the idea of co-ruling the earth with God as humanity?