



THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

The Teachings of the King: Connecting to the Kingdom of God (Part 1)

Session Number: 5 | Week: 1 | Day: 5

Bible Passage

Matthew 5:1-24

Introduction

The introduction of Matthew chapters 5-7 explains how a person can inherit the Kingdom of God through a change of mind (repentance). For repentance to occur, Jesus must educate the minds of His disciples in knowing God so that they can serve and worship God without fear. Jesus is the King of kings, educating His kings for service.

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, you will have:

- Understood the preaching of the King about reconnecting to the Kingdom of God by listing the Beatitudes, educating the mind about the purpose of being in the Kingdom, and re-educating the disciples about the spirit of the law of God.
- Understood the truth about repentance (a change of mind).

Session Outline

Jesus was the Expected Messiah as expressed through:

- **Dynamics of entering the Kingdom of God** (the rule of God on earth) through repentance (a change of mind).
- **Purposes of being in the Kingdom** (Salt and light).
- **The blessedness of being in the Kingdom** (Beatitudes).
- **A biblical view on Sharia law.**
- **Guidance to the Kingdom;** the letter of the law and the spirit of the law.
- **Educating Kingdom citizens.**

Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

Comprehending

What do the verses mean? (In small groups, attempt the following questions):

- Read Matthew 3:2; Matthew 3:8; Matthew 4:17. What is repentance? Why should we repent? What did Jesus reveal about repentance? (Note: One can only inherit the Kingdom of God through repentance. Repentance is only possible through educating the mind. Discuss.)
- Read Matthew 5:1-2. What is revealed about Jesus educating the mind to repent so they could inherit the Kingdom of God?
- Read Matthew 5:2-12. List the 7 stages of connecting to, entering, inheriting, and progressing into the Kingdom of God. What are the benefits of reconnecting with the Kingdom of Heaven? What is the purpose of the Beatitudes?
- Read Matthew 5:13-16. What is the purpose of inheriting the Kingdom of God (being an agent of change on earth)?
- Read Matthew 5:17-20. What did Jesus reveal (educate) about the law of Moses versus the Kingdom of Life?
- What is the difference between the spirit of the law and the letter of the law?
- What do you understand about Sharia law? What did Jesus teach concerning Sharia law?
- Read Matthew 5:21-22. What did Jesus say (educate) about the spirit of the law concerning murder?

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?

- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.