DAY 01 |

Principle:
The words of Jesus embody the authority, power, and the will of God.

Read Matthew 5:1-2, Genesis 1, John 1:1-3, Isaiah 55:8-11, Matthew 4:4, 24:35, and Hebrews 4:12

1. When Matthew wrote that Jesus "opened His mouth", what do you think Matthew was connecting to the Words of Jesus?

2. If you are a person who acknowledges and embraces the authority within the Words of Jesus, how should His words impact your life and the lives of those around you?

DAY 02 |

Principle: *Seeing, mourning, and confessing our sin are critical steps towards receiving the gift of salvation from Jesus.*

Read Matthew 5:3-4, Isaiah 57:15, 66:2, Psalm 51:17, Luke 18:10-14, John 14:6, and Romans 3:21-24

1. What is spiritual poverty (being "poor in spirit") and why is it necessary for man to be saved?

2. When have you felt "spiritually bankrupt", with no clear path to overcome the darkness or brokenness of your heart?

DAY 03 |

Principle: *God empowers believers with His Holy Spirit, enabling them to live virtuously, to do good works, and to be happy.*

Read Matthew 5:4-10, Ephesians 1:13-14, Galatians 5:22-23, Psalm 37:4, 144:15, and John 15:11

1. What is the meaning of the word “blessed”?

2. What causes the man who mourns to become the man who is meek, hungering for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, a peacemaker, and willing to face persecution?

3. As a Christ-follower, why should you be able to experience happiness in this life? What are ways it can happen?

DAY 04 |

Principle:
Jesus commands us to share the source of our salvation with everyone in our lives.

Read Matthew 5:11-16, John 8:12, Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 2:8-10, 5:8, and Matthew 25:34-46

1. What are the characteristics of salt and light that Jesus requires of those who follow Him?

2. What drives you more: the fear of what people might think of you OR the joy of seeing another person come to faith in Jesus? Why is that the case for you?