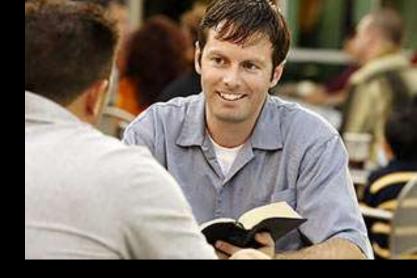
The Summit of the Christian Life



Matthew 5:1-16

Review:

I Peter 3:15



- 1) Our first responsibility is to love in such a way that they will ask us about our hope.
- 2) We lay a foundation for our lives by practicing the words of Jesus.

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- How are we developing a heart that realizes our spiritual poverty?
- What will help us better weep for our sins?
- What will help us relinquish control to Jesus as our master?
- What are we going to do to continue feeding our spiritual hunger?

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- Where in your life do you need to be showing mercy?
- What will help your heart become more and more pure?
- What strife is in need of your peacemaking?
- To what extent are you willing to suffer for Christ?

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What has caused your salt to lose its saving power?

 How can you exercise more saving power in your community?

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Whose way are you lighting?

 How can you be a city that is higher on the hill?

 Are people seeing your light and asking you about your hope? Call to Action: We are called to become so much like Christ that others ask us about the reason for our hope in Jesus.



- Who would describe you as 'poor in spirit?'
- How diligently are you seeking these traits?
- Are you willing to endure persecution?
- What is your saving influence?
- What blessings are revealed by your light?
- Are people asking about your hope?

-How can we help?