

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.**

**I. To reach the summit
God intends for us, we
must become Christ-
like (**Matthew 5:1-12**).**



- **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?**

**II. To serve in the role
God has for us, we must
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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?