

## PART 1: A NEW WAY OF THINKING

## INTRODUCTION

More often than not, we avoid sins in their extreme form but regularly commit them in a more covert form that Jesus is still very concerned about. In Matthew 5 Jesus gives six examples where, in His masterful fashion, He exposes our real struggle with sin, and he teaches us to transform and sharpen our thinking to the kind of life required of His disciples. The kind of life that truly sets us free! Are you ready to think more like Jesus?

## **KEY SCRIPTURE**

Mark 1:14-15 Luke 9:2 Acts 1:3 Matthew 5:17-20

Luke 8:1 Luke 10:9 Acts 28:31

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. How would you define the "good life?" How would you define a "good person?"
- 2. Who have been the best teachers in your life? What made them great teachers?
- 3. Pastor Will said, "Jesus teaches: It is only the person who is becoming good, as God defines good, that is living the good life." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- 4. How do you measure spiritual maturity?
- 5. Read Matthew 5:17-20. Pastor Will taught that righteousness means having right love for God leading to a right relationship with him and others, producing right actions. The Pharisees thought that outward behavior was all they needed to please God. Have you spent more time and energy on trying to have the right outward behavior or on pursuing righteousness that begins with a right love for God?
- 6. Discipleship is the process of becoming the person God wants you to become, not doing the right things. You can do the right things without God, but you can't become who God wants you to become without Him. Jesus came to invite you into the Kingdom of God and to show you how to live in the Kingdom. What will you do this week to learn from Jesus, our master teacher?

**Application Prayer:** Jesus, I accept you as the teacher that I sit under for how to live my life. Show me how to live in your Kingdom!