

Lesson Plan Title: Faith in God Ministry Student Lesson Plan: Guide to Becoming Kingdom Leaders in Matthew Chapters 5, 6, and 7

Lesson Objective:

The goal of this lesson plan is to provide Faith in God Ministry students with an in-depth understanding of Kingdom principles as taught by King Jesus in Matthew 5–7. This lesson emphasizes the mindset, values, and character necessary for Kingdom leadership and aims to prepare students to live as disciples and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Lesson Outline:

Introduction (from page 3-6)

Topic: The Foundation of Kingdom Living

Key Points:

Purpose of Matthew 5-7: This section introduces the Sermon on the Mount, King Jesus' foundational teaching on Kingdom living.

Approach to Learning: Students are encouraged to deeply study each verse, understanding the significance of Jesus' words as a blueprint for life.

Mindset Shift: Reflect on Myles Munroe's definition of a Kingdom, focusing on the influence and rulership of a king over his territory, which reflects his values and morals.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:1-2

Lesson 1: House Built Upon a Rock (from page 7-8)

Objective: Understand the importance of establishing a strong foundation in King Jesus' teachings.

Key Points:

King Jesus' analogy of building on the rock emphasizes obedience and practical application of His words.

Foundation of Faith: Recognize that Jesus Himself is the Rock upon which we build.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:24-25

Lesson 2: You Are Blessed! (from page 13-20)

Objective: Learn the qualities that bring true blessing and align with Kingdom values.

Key Points:

Beatitudes: Each blessing highlights a different attribute essential to Kingdom living, such as humility, righteousness, and mercy.

Spiritual Poverty and Faith: Understand the importance of relying on God's grace and acknowledging our need for Him.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:3-12

Lesson 3: Salt of the Earth (from page 36-38)

Objective: Grasp the significance of being a positive influence in the world as "salt."

Key Points:

Role of Salt: Emphasizes preservation, purity, and the importance of being a moral influence in society.

Call to Action: Students are challenged to live in a way that reflects the wisdom and grace of the Kingdom.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:13

Lesson 4: Light of the World (from page 39-41)

Objective: Embrace the call to be the "light" that brings hope and clarity to others.

Key Points:

Visibility and Purpose: As light, believers must openly reflect God's goodness, drawing others to Him.

Public Witness: Encourages students to live transparently and in alignment with Kingdom values.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:14-16

Lesson 5: Fulfilling the Law (from page 42-45)

Objective: Explore King Jesus' approach to fulfilling the law and the prophets.

Key Points:

King Jesus' Role in the Law: Jesus came to fulfill, not abolish, the law, emphasizing heart transformation over mere rule-following.

Greater Righteousness: Encourages a standard of righteousness that exceeds that of the Pharisees.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:17-20

Lesson 6: You Have Heard, But I Say (from page 46-50)

Objective: Examine Jesus' teachings that redefine traditional understandings and emphasize inner purity.

Key Points:

Deeper Morality: King Jesus reinterprets Old Testament teachings to stress the importance of heart and intentions, not just actions.

Practical Application: Apply these teachings in daily interactions, focusing on love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:21-24

Lesson 7: Peacemakers and Persecution (from page 27-35)

Objective: Embrace the call to be peacemakers and understand the blessings associated with enduring persecution.

Key Points:

Identity as Peacemakers: As children of God, students are encouraged to foster peace in all situations.

Response to Persecution: Persevere in righteousness, knowing that the Kingdom of Heaven is their inheritance.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:9-12

Lesson 8: True Kingdom Righteousness (from page 47-50)

Objective: Understand what it means to exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees by embracing a Kingdom-centered life.

Key Points:

Heart over Ritual: True righteousness stems from a heart aligned with God's will rather than outward observance.

Higher Standard: Encourages students to prioritize internal transformation over legalistic rule-following.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:20

Assignments and Reflections:

1. Daily Reading and Reflection - Read one verse from Matthew 5-7 each day, and journal reflections on how it applies to your life.

2. Group Discussion: Engage in group discussions to explore insights, share personal experiences, and encourage one another.

3. Practical Application: Set goals to implement one Kingdom principle in daily interactions each week.

4. Prayer Practice: Pray daily, seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit to live as Kingdom leaders.

Lesson 9: Loving Enemies (from pages 51-54)

Objective: Understand the radical nature of Kingdom love and the call to love even our enemies.

Key Points:

Love Beyond Expectation: Jesus calls us to love those who oppose us, reflecting God's unconditional love.

Practical Forgiveness: Encourages students to forgive and pray for those who may have wronged them, as an act of obedience and faith.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:43-48

Activity: Reflect on someone you find difficult to love and pray for them daily, asking God to help you see them as He does.

Lesson 10: Giving to the Needy (from pages 55-58)

Objective: Learn the importance of giving with a pure heart, without seeking recognition or praise.

Key Points:

Hidden Generosity: Emphasizes giving in secret, focusing on pleasing God rather than gaining approval from others.

True Charity: Reinforces the idea of selfless giving as an integral part of Kingdom life.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:1-4

Activity: Challenge students to perform one act of kindness or charity anonymously this week.

Lesson 11: Prayer and Fasting (from pages 59-65)

Objective: Understand the significance of prayer and fasting in a disciple's life.

Key Points:

Model Prayer: Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer, a framework that aligns our hearts with God's will.

Authentic Fasting: True fasting is about humility and seeking God, not impressing others.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:5-18

Activity: Dedicate time for a personal fast, focusing on a specific need or area in life where you seek God's guidance and breakthrough.

Lesson 12: Kingdom Treasures (from pages 66-69)

Objective: Recognize the importance of valuing eternal treasures over earthly possessions.

Key Points:

Storing Treasures in Heaven: King Jesus emphasizes focusing on Kingdom values rather than worldly wealth.

Heart Alignment: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:19-24

Activity: Reflect on personal priorities and identify areas where material desires may overshadow Kingdom values. Commit to shifting focus toward eternal goals.

Lesson 13: Overcoming Worry (from pages 70-73)

Objective: Understand how trust in God eliminates anxiety and empowers Kingdom living.

Key Points:

God's Provision: Encourages reliance on God for daily needs and challenges students to seek first His Kingdom.

Freedom from Anxiety: Learning to trust that God cares for His creation, including each of His children.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:25-34

Activity: Journal daily about any worries, and replace them with prayers of trust in God's provision.

Lesson 14: Judging Others (from pages 74-77)

Objective: Learn the importance of not judging others and focusing on personal growth.

Key Points:

Self-Reflection Over Judgment: King Jesus calls us to examine our own lives before pointing out flaws in others.

Grace-Filled Perspective: Encourages humility and compassion in interactions with others.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:1-5

Activity: Reflect on recent judgments or criticisms and seek God's help in addressing areas of personal improvement.

Lesson 15: Ask, Seek, Knock (from pages 78-80)

Objective: Understand the importance of persistence in prayer and trust in God's faithfulness.

Key Points:

Persistence in Faith: King Jesus encourages us to continually ask, seek, and knock, demonstrating trust in God's goodness.

Receiving from God: Emphasizes that God, as a loving Father, desires to give good gifts to His children.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:7-11

Activity: Commit to praying persistently for a specific need or desire, trusting God for His answer in His timing.

Lesson 16: The Golden Rule (from pages 81-83)

Objective: Embrace the Golden Rule as a fundamental principle for Kingdom living.

Key Points:

Treating Others with Respect: Encourages treating others as we wish to be treated, promoting kindness and empathy.

Kingdom Ethics: Highlights the simplicity and power of love and respect in all interactions.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:12

Activity: Reflect on interactions with others and make intentional efforts to live by the Golden Rule daily.

Lesson 17: The Narrow and Wide Gates (from pages 84-87)

Objective: Recognize the choice between the path of life and the path of destruction.

Key Points:

The Narrow Path of Kingdom Living: The way of the Kingdom is narrow, requiring commitment and sacrifice.

Worldly vs. Kingdom Choices: Encourages discernment in choosing the Kingdom path, despite worldly temptations.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:13-14

Activity: Reflect on recent choices and evaluate how they align with the narrow path of Kingdom values.

Lesson 18: False Prophets and True Disciples (from pages 88-90)

Objective: Identify and discern true teachings from false ones.

Key Points:

Fruit of True Discipleship: Jesus warns about false prophets and emphasizes that true followers bear good fruit.

Authenticity in Faith: Calls for genuine commitment and examination of character in leaders and ourselves.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:15-20

Activity: Evaluate the influences in your life and consider if they align with the fruit of the Kingdom.

Lesson 19: The Wise and Foolish Builders (from pages 91-93)

Objective: Embrace the importance of building life on the solid foundation of Jesus' teachings.

Key Points:

Foundation of Faith: Emphasizes obedience to King Jesus' words as a foundation that withstands life's storms.

Kingdom Resilience: The importance of a deep-rooted, unshakeable faith in God's Word.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:24-27

Activity: Reflect on personal foundations and identify ways to deepen obedience and commitment to Jesus' teachings.

Conclusion

This Faith in God Ministry Student Lesson Plan invites students to delve deeply into the transformative teachings of King Jesus in Matthew 5-7. Each lesson builds upon foundational Kingdom principles, guiding students in becoming Kingdom leaders who reflect the values, character, and heart of God. Through these lessons, students are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with the King, align with His teachings, and fulfill their roles as ambassadors of the Kingdom on earth.

Final Reflection Questions:

1. How have these teachings transformed your understanding of Kingdom living?
2. In what ways can you apply the principles of the Sermon on the Mount in your daily life?

3. How has your relationship with King Jesus deepened through this study?

This comprehensive plan offers a clear pathway for students at Faith in God Ministry to grow as Kingdom leaders, understanding and applying the principles of the Sermon on the Mount in their lives and spheres of influence.