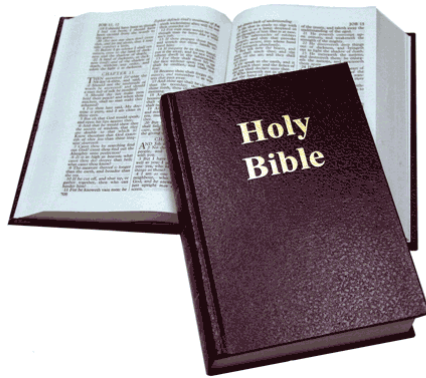


The Sermon on the Mount

STUDY 1

Reading: Matthew 4:23-5:2



The Status of the Disciple

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 8th/Wednesday 9th January 2013

- 1) What in 4:23 is identified as the primary mission of Jesus and how does that prepare us for the next three chapters?
- 2) The 'kingdom of heaven' is Matthew's usual expression for what the other New Testament writers describe as 'the kingdom of God'. *What might be an explanation for this?*
- 3) What does Matthew mean by the term Kingdom in 4:23 (also 5:3 etc.); and how does that tie in with the kind of kingdom the Jewish people were look for?
- 4) Sometimes there is confusion over when this kingdom is established. *Does Jesus teach something that is imminent; something that is far away in the future; or can we have it both ways?*
- 5) What is the significance of Jesus sitting down in 5:1?
- 6) Who is Jesus primarily speaking to in Matthew 5-7; and why?