

Marinating in God's Word: Matthew 5:1-2

It's a passage whose summary form can prompt our eyes to skip on by. Don't. Here we learn what Jesus did, and now what we do.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Of all Jesus' teaching, which of his statements or stories do you most treasure? Why is that one particularly dear to you? And which of his words most troubles you? Why?
- It is said that Jesus' words are like an amazing river – deep enough for an elephant to swim in, but shallow enough for a child to wade in. What might that mean? Have you experienced his words to be so? What is an example?
- What do you believe about the authority of the Bible? Are Jesus' words different than the rest, higher, the same? Why do you believe so? Is it fitting to put his words in red? Why or why not?
- What are some things that Jesus tells us that we would have no other way of knowing?

Next week we will focus on Matthew 9:14-17.