Discussion Questions for “He Began to Teach Them”

1. What new insight did you gain by watching this video? How do you respond to this new insight? How will you realign your life based on this new understanding?

2. Later in the Sermon on the Mount, Yeshua told His disciples that they were to be the “salt of the earth.” (Matthew 5:13) In the ancient world, salt was used as a food preservative. In the Temple, the priests used salt on the sacrifices and offerings. The Torah teaches about a “salt covenant” (Lev. 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24; Numbers 18:19; 2 Chronicles. 13:5), How is this concept applied to the disciples and their lives as followers of Yeshua?

3. In Matthew 5:14-16, Yeshua tells His disciples that they are the “light of the world.” What does it mean to be the light of the world? How are the concepts of being the salt of the earth and the light of the world similar? How are the different?

4. Yeshua said in Matthew 5:17 that He did not come to “abolish the Torah or the prophets, but to fulfill.” The usual modern-day Christian interpretation of this statement is usually an irrational, self-contradictory, concluding the Yeshua did in-fact abolish the Torah by “fulfilling” it. What did Yeshua mean by His statement that he came to “fulfill” the Torah? What would his disciple understand Him to mean?

5. Yeshua wraps up the Sermon on the mount with an exhortation to His disciples in Matthew 5:48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Isn’t this an impossibility? How can we be perfect like God is perfect? Is something lost in the translation? How would the disciples understand this exhortation?