Jesus, the Teacher

Circle the passage that you and your group members have been assigned to read.

Matthew 5:1–12
Matthew 5:21–26
Matthew 5:38–42
Matthew 5:43–48
Matthew 6:5–8
Matthew 6:25–34
Matthew 7:1–5
Matthew 13:18–23
Matthew 13:24–30
Matthew 13:31–33

As a group, read your assigned passage and then discuss the questions listed below. All the group members should note their responses on a separate sheet of paper so they can share them with the class.

1. How would you describe Jesus’ teaching method in this passage?
2. What is Jesus trying to teach the people?
3. What is unusual about his teaching method or about what he is teaching, especially given the context in which he lived and taught?
4. What does this scriptural text teach us about the Reign of God?
5. What else do we know about how and what Jesus teaches in the Gospel of Matthew? Give concrete examples to support your claims.