

The Sermon on the Mount — 6-Week Series

Six Sundays through Matthew 5-7 — the longest recorded teaching of Jesus, preached as He gave it.

Whole-church series; excellent for a discipleship season

About this series

The Sermon on the Mount is not advice. It is the constitution of the kingdom, delivered by its King, and it ends with a warning about houses and storms.

Six weeks keeps each Sunday to a manageable section without flattening the text into slogans.

The arc of the series

Blessing, righteousness, secrecy, trust, discernment, and foundation — the shape of a life built on Christ's words.

Planning notes

- Give the congregation a printed copy of Matthew 5-7 to read weekly.
- Week 3 on prayer pairs naturally with a church prayer meeting relaunch.
- Week 6 is the call to decision; plan for a response time.

The Beatitudes

Big idea

Jesus blesses the people the world overlooks, and then calls them salt and light.

Outline

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit (v. 3-6)
2. Blessed are the merciful and pure (v. 7-9)
3. Salt, light, and a city set on a hill (v. 13-16)

Key verse

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8 (KJV)

Application question

Which beatitude describes the person you least want to be?

Sermon notes

A Deeper Righteousness

Big idea

Christ does not lower the law; He drives it inward, from the hand to the heart.

Outline

1. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil (v. 17-20)
2. Anger, lust, and the interior life (v. 21-32)
3. Love your enemies (v. 43-48)

Key verse

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Matthew 5:17 (KJV)

Application question

Where have you settled for outward compliance?

Sermon notes

In Secret

Big idea

Giving, praying, and fasting are all corrupted by the same thing — an audience.

Outline

1. Alms in secret (v. 1-4)
2. The Lord's Prayer (v. 5-15)
3. Fasting without a face (v. 16-18)

Key verse

Thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:6 (KJV)

Application question

What spiritual practice would you stop if no one ever knew you did it?

Sermon notes

Take No Thought

Big idea

Anxiety is a theology problem: it assumes a Father who does not notice.

Outline

1. Treasure and the heart (v. 19-21)
2. Two masters (v. 24)
3. Consider the lilies (v. 25-34)

Key verse

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

Application question

Name the thing you worried about most this week. What does verse 32 say about it?

Sermon notes

Judge Not

Big idea

Jesus forbids hypocritical judgment and then commands discernment in the same chapter — the difference is the beam in your own eye.

Outline

1. The mote and the beam (v. 1-5)
2. Ask, seek, knock (v. 7-11)
3. By their fruits (v. 15-20)

Key verse

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

Matthew 7:12 (KJV)

Application question

What criticism do you make of others that is truest of you?

Sermon notes

Two Builders

Big idea

Both houses face the same storm; only the foundation differs — and the foundation is doing what He said.

Outline

1. Not everyone that saith, Lord, Lord (v. 21-23)
2. The wise builder (v. 24-25)
3. The fall of the foolish house (v. 26-27)

Key verse

Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

Matthew 7:24 (KJV)

Application question

What one saying from this series will you actually do this week?

Sermon notes

Verse set — the whole series at a glance

Every key verse in this series, King James Version. Print this page for the worship team, the bulletin, or a memory-verse card.

Week 1 — The Beatitudes

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Matthew 5:8 (KJV)

Week 2 — A Deeper Righteousness

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Matthew 5:17 (KJV)

Week 3 — In Secret

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Matthew 6:6 (KJV)

Week 4 — Take No Thought

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Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

Week 5 — Judge Not

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Matthew 7:12 (KJV)

Week 6 — Two Builders

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Frequently asked questions

Can this series run longer than six weeks?

Yes — twelve weeks works well by taking roughly half a section each Sunday.

Is the Sermon on the Mount for Christians today?

Yes. Jesus addresses His disciples directly (Matthew 5:1-2) and closes by calling all hearers to obey His sayings.

Is the series free to use?

Yes — free to preach, adapt, and print.

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