



The Words of Jesus Series

Sermon on the Mount

Jesus Preaches to His Disciples

Course Text: Luke 6:20-47, Matthew Chapters 5, 6 & 7

<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
1	Matthew 5 - Run from sin towards God
2	Matthew 6 - Public & Private Prayer & Worship
3	Matthew 7 - Discernment



Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought" or just start the next chapter. Of course, you can always use the standard questions, "What would you like to remember from this lesson?" or "What did you learn from this lesson that you did not know before?"

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Lesson 1 - Sermon on the Mount – Matthew Chapter 5

In the days when Jesus preached they did not have electronic recording equipment, videos, and most people could not read. To deliver the message widely He had to say similar things over and over again to different audiences. In this lesson we will look at the Sermon on the Mount and several times the same ideas were said in other places in the gospels.

- [1] In Matthew 5:1-12 who was Jesus talking to? _____
- [2] In Luke 6:20-26 who was Jesus talking to? _____
- [3] In Matthew 5:13-16 what can not be hidden? _____

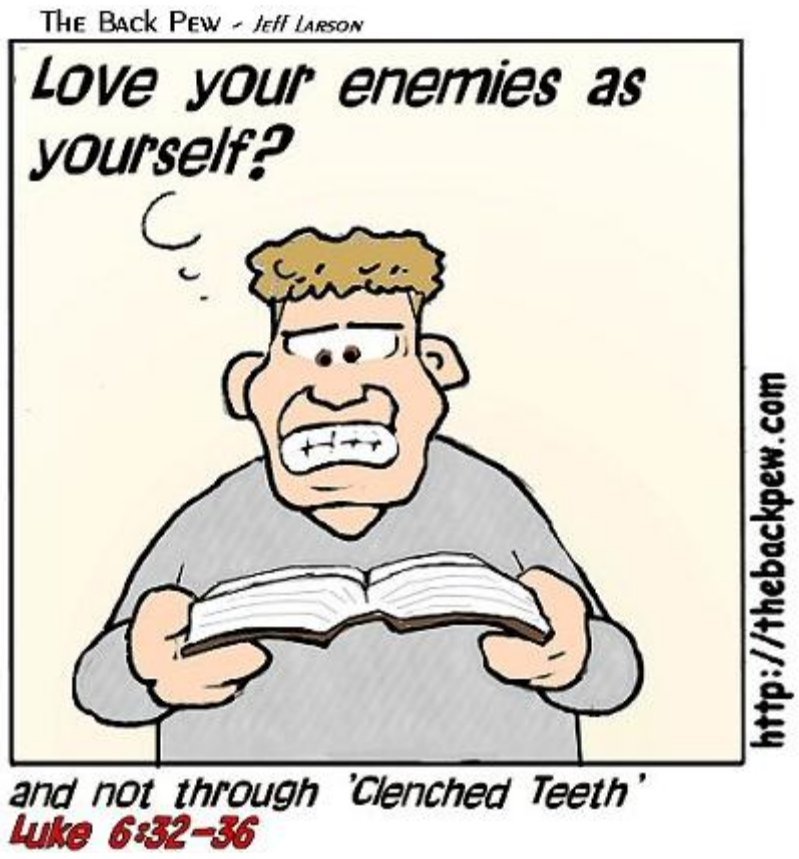
Please read Matthew 5:17-48 and match OT scriptures with what Jesus said about them:

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| [4] An eye for an eye | Divorce only for adultery |
| [5] Divorce whenever you like | Do not be angry or call people names |
| [6] Keep your promises to God | Do not look lustfully at others |
| [7] Love your neighbor | Do not swear oaths |
| [8] You shall not commit adultery | Do not resist evil |
| [9] You shall not commit murder | Love your enemy |

Please read Luke 6:27-35 and answer this question:

- [10] If someone hits you on your cheek what are you supposed to do? _____

(A) Pick one of the Blessings in Matthew 5:1-12 or Luke 6:20-23 and explain what you think it means. Think & Pray



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- [1] Who was Jesus talking to? His Disciples Mt 5:1
- [2] Who was Jesus talking to? His Disciples Lk 6:20
- [3] What can not be hidden? A city on a hill Mt 5:14

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| [4] An eye for an eye | Do not resist evil Mt 5:38-42 |
| [5] Divorce whenever you like | Divorce only for adultery Mt 5:31-32 |
| [6] Keep your promises to God | Do not swear oaths Mt 5:33-34 |
| [7] Love your neighbor | Love your enemy Mt 5:43-47 |
| [8] You shall not commit adultery | Do not look lustfully at others Mt 5:27-29 |
| [9] You shall not commit murder | Do not be angry or call people names Mt 5:21-22 |

[10] If someone hits you on your cheek what are you supposed to do?
Offer him the other cheek. Lk 6:29

[A] I think the passage Matt 5:3-12 is a chronology of our spiritual life in Christ. (v.3) Spiritually poor and destitute is how we begin our Christian walk. It is there, at the end of ourselves, that we find the doorway into the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus Christ. (v.4) We crawl to the foot of the cross, regretting our sin and filthiness. For it is at that point we come to realize that we are the ones responsible for our spiritual poverty and we take comfort in His love. (v.5) We come to Jesus Christ with nothing to offer. We must lay down our pride and our arrogance. In return for our nothing, He gives us everything. (v.6) The new heart God puts in us when we are saved hungers and thirsts after righteousness. It is the food of the new man. (v.7) He placed in us His Holy Spirit that we might know how to walk in way pleasing to Him. And yet, how often are we like the ungrateful servant who when forgiven much debt refused to forgive anyone else. (v.8) One day we will see God as He really is and be purified by the sight. (v.9) Whenever we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ we are offering peace with God, we are peacemakers. (v.10-12) God blesses us by allowing us the privilege of fighting in the front lines with Him in this spiritual war -- a war that only He can win. These are the seasons of our Christian life. These are the signposts along the path on which the Christian walks - from being destitute of spirit to the front lines of spiritual warfare. How far along the road are you?

For Further Thought : What does Matthew 5:45 tell us about the nature of God?

What good works is Matthew 5:16 talking about? Is Jesus talking about charity or what?

What is something that makes you angry that is justified, that is righteous anger?

Compare Isaiah 61 with Matthew 5:3-12. What is the same? What is different?

Compare Matthew 5:9-10; Romans 8:14; & 1 Peter 3:14. What is the same? What is different?

Give an example of a broken promise someone made to you that really disappointed you.

Tell about a time when you received love or forgiveness from someone when you did not expect it.

Lesson 2 - Sermon on the Mount – Matthew Chapter 6

Please read Matthew 6:1-4 and answer the following question:

[11] What are we to do in secret? _____

Please read Matthew 6:5-15 and Luke 11:1-4 and answer this question:

[12] What are we to ask for daily? _____

Please read Matthew 6:16-18 and answer this question:

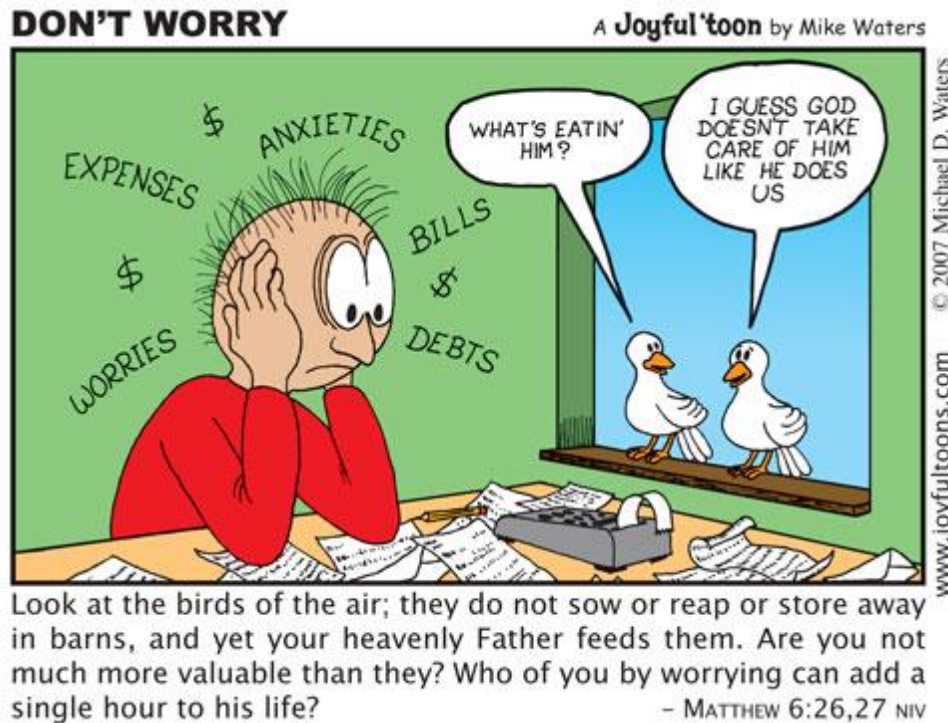
[13] Hypocrites have what kind of face while fasting?

Please read Matthew 6:19-24 and answer this question:

[14] What can no one serve? _____

Please read Matthew 6:25-34 and answers these questions:

[15] Who feeds the birds? _____



[16] Who makes the flowers pretty? _____

(B) What does Matthew 6:33-34 mean?

Think & Pray _____

Lesson 2 - Sermon on the Mount – Matthew Chapter 6

[11] What are we to do in secret? Give Mt 6:1-4

[12] What are we to ask for daily? Our food, our bread Mt 6:11 & Lk 11:3

[13] Hypocrites have what kind of face while fasting? Gloomy or sad Mt 6:16

[14] What can no one serve? Two masters Mt 6:24

[15] Who feeds the birds? Our heavenly Father Mt 6:26

[16] Who makes the flowers pretty? God Mt 6:28-30

(B) God created His commandments for our benefit. It is for our own good, so it should not be surprising that obeying them leads to many blessings. God knows the future, is all powerful, and loves us. What do we have to worry about? Nothing.

For Further Thought :

How can you secretly love the people around you more?

In Matthew 6:19-21 it talks about keeping treasures in heaven. What is it talking about?

In Matthew 6:22-24 it talks about the eye being a lamp of the body, and darkness and light. What do these figures of speech represent?

Compare Matthew 6:5-13 with Luke 11:1-4. What is the same? What is different?

If God already knows what we need and want, why pray at all? (These scriptures may help you with this answer: Ephesians 6:12-13, 18; Luke 11:3-13; James 4:2; Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:6-7)

Read Luke 11:5-13. and Matthew 7:7-12. What does this mean to our prayer life?

Please explain what you think Ephesians 4:31-32 means.

Have you ever had experience with fasting? What was it like? If not, why not?

Of all the money you have earned, been given, or taken in your life, how much is left? What can you learn from this? Where is your treasure?

Please describe a time when it really helped for you to worry about something.

What does Philippians 4:4-8 mean to you? How can you better put it into practice?

We have another series of courses on just the Sermon on the Mount that goes much more in depth than this course. See LoveBibleStudy.com, click "SERMON" link

Lesson 3 - Sermon on the Mount – Matthew Chapter 7

Please read Matthew 7:1-6 and answer these questions:

[17] What happens to those who judge others?

[18] What are we to do before getting a speck out of someone's eye?

Please read Luke 6:36-42 and answer this question:

[19] Who can not lead a blind man? _____

Please read Matthew 7:7-12 and answer this question:

[20] How should we treat others? _____

Please read Matthew 7:13-14 and answer this question:

[21] Which is easier to find, the way to destruction or the way to life? _____

Please read Matthew 7:15-23 and answer these questions:

[22] What is not found on thorn bushes? _____

[23] What happens to a tree that does not bear good fruit?

Please read Luke 6:43-45 and answer this question:

[24] From where do the words of our mouth come? _____

Please read Matthew 7:24-29 and answer this question:

[25] How did Jesus teach? _____

Please read Luke 6:46-49 and answer this question:

[26] Obeying Jesus is like what? _____

(C) Explain Matthew 7:1-5

Think & Pray _____

For Further Thought:

Which quote of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount would you most like to memorize? Why?

If you were going to re-write this course, how would you change it?

Lesson 3 - Sermon on the Mount – Matthew Chapter 7

- [17] What happens to those who judge others? They are judged by the same standard Mt 7:1-2
- [18] What are we to do before getting a speck out of someone's eye. Clean out our own eye. Mt 7:3
- [19] Who can not lead a blind man? Another blind man. Lk 6:39
- [20] How should we treat others? Like we want to be treated. Mt 7:12
- [21] Which is easier to find, the way to destruction or the way to life? Destruction Mt 7:13-14
- [22] What is not found on thorn bushes? Grapes Mt 7:16
- [23] What happens to a tree that does not bear good fruit? It is cut down and burned. Mt 7:19
- [24] From where do the words of our mouth come? What is in our hearts Lk 6:45
- [25] How did Jesus teach? With authority Mt 7:29
- [26] Obeying Jesus is like what? Building a house on a good foundation Lk 6:47-49



(C) It is not up to us to condemn others. They stand before God, not us. We need to spend our time working on ourselves. For me, and everyone I know well, that is a life time project. God warns us that if we start being hard on other people we can expect to get the same treatment when our turn comes. That should be warning enough, I think. On the other hand, we need to use some discernment concerning who we allow to influence us. As much as possible we should fill our life with Godly examples, while at the same time, not excluding those who may need to come to know the Lord.

For Further Thought: Jesus uses a lot of metaphors in Matthew chapter seven. Can you explain what any of them mean?

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| Speck or log in the eye | Good and bad fruit trees |
| Blindness | Being thrown in a fire |
| Narrow or wide path or road | Foundation of a house |
| Grape vines and thorn bushes | Dogs, pearls & pigs |
| Knocking on a door | Rain and a river |