

# WOODYNOOK CRC



## The Sermon on the Mount: An Upside-Down Kingdom

If Jesus is who he said he was (which his resurrection proves), then he is someone we really need to listen to. In Matthew's account of his life, there is a collection of teachings that we call the "sermon on the mount"; mainly because it is a collection of teachings that he gave on a mountainside.

Not a very creative title, but effective.

In this sermon Jesus essentially outlines what it means to seek God's kingdom first in our relationships, values, ambitions, finances, and commitments. The teachings he gave amazed those who first heard this sermon, and they will challenge and encourage you as well. This section includes some of the most well-known teachings of Jesus. Every word was intentional, and full of wisdom to live by, not just rules to religiously follow.

He takes his time in this sermon and every word is intentional, and full of wisdom to live by. He shows us that God our Father is interested in our hearts, not just our behaviours.

This spring and summer we will be slowly working our way through this sermon learning from the master about the best way to live. We will also make some study guides available that you can use with your small group, family, or a group of friends.

Let's take some time this year to sit at the feet of the Master. Learn about who God has made us to be, and what that looks like individually and as a community.

## TOPICS & READINGS

May 22: Application is Everything - Matthew 7:24-29; Acts 1:6-11

May 27: Unexpected Blessings - Matthew 5:1-12

June 5: God's Way to Make a Difference - Matthew 5:13-16

June 19: The Importance of Obeying God's Law - Matthew 5:17-20

June 26: What's Wrong with Private Sins - Matthew 5:21-30

July 3: Faithfulness in Marriage and Speech - Matthew 5:31-37

July 24: How to Really Love Your Enemies - Matthew 5:38-48

July 31: How Not to be Religious - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

August 7: A Pattern for Dynamic Prayer - Matthew 6:7-15

August 14: What God Thinks of My Ambitions - Matthew 6:19-34

August 28: Relationships that Encourage - Matthew 7:1-12

September 4: Making the Choice of a Lifetime - Matthew 7:13-29



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