



Worship Preview

Summer Sermon Series

The Greatest Sermon Ever; The Sermon on the Mount

Even non-Christians have heard of the *Sermon on the Mount*. Christians have heard many sermons on it, but still find parts of it hard to understand—and hard to apply in our lives. John Stott puts it this way: "The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the least understood, and certainly it is the least obeyed." Let's study it again. Perhaps we will find new treasures as well as old.

July 11th — The Beatitudes

There is a miraculous transfer at the heart of biblical Christianity. In every other religious system a person finds righteousness by following rules and regulations. In Christ, we discover God's desire to pour it into our lives.

Matthew 5:1-12

July 18th — Being Salt and Light

Nothing packs a punch like a genuinely transformed life. Jesus knew that if He could get transformed believers to walk alongside seekers, good things were going to happen.

Matthew 5:13-16

July 25th — Healing Relationships

Jesus makes a connection between our relationships with others and our relationship with God. Strong and Healthy relationships with fellow believers is one part of a balanced spiritual life.

Matthew 5:21-26

August 1st — Looking, Lusting, or Loving?

Imagination is a wonderful gift from God. But there is also a shadow side to our ability; we can imagine ourselves in dishonoring, self-destructive scenarios. We can play those negative tapes endlessly in our minds. Jesus teaches us to be aware of this potential.

Matthew 5:27-30

August 8th — Truth Telling

Remember when a handshake use to be enough? Today no sane business person would conclude a deal without a written contract. Jesus calls his followers to a life of integrity.

Matthew 5:33-37

August 15th — Secret Faith

Certain mechanical prayers can be said over and over with the upshot being a deadness that can settle into a person's soul. Jesus teaches his followers how to enter a more authentic and joy-filled place of prayer.

Matthew 6:1-18

August 22nd — The Truth About Treasures

Despite our difficult economic times, there's something in our culture that spurs us on to want more and more. Along the way we can forget to stop and thank God for all we have. Jesus teaches his followers the meaning of what's really important.

Matthew 6:19-24

August 29th — God's Inclination

Our God is a benevolent parent. Sometimes in the midst of daily living, it's really hard to see or understand what He's up to. Then we get ambushed by His Grace.

Matthew 7:7-11