

**Date: 2.23.25 | Title: The Sermon on the Mount | Scripture: Matthew 6-7**

## LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

### Middle School Students:

Jesus is fully God and fully man, and He is altogether Holy  
Jesus lived for the glory of the Father and taught that we should do the same through lives of worship  
Jesus is the only way people can connect with God  
Because Jesus is God, He had the power to perform miracles

### High School Students:

From the beginning, God planned that Jesus would save people from their sins.  
Jesus is fully God and fully man, and despite being tempted while on earth, remained altogether free from sin.  
Because of Jesus, we who were once separated due to sin are now accepted into His presence due to Christ's righteousness  
Whereas many claim that Jesus was a good man or a great teacher, the truth is that Jesus is God



**MEMORY  
VERSE**

**"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45**



## INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

**Hold up a cell phone.**

**Now ask the group why they have used a cell phone.**

**Answers may include:**

**I needed information, when I needed help, when I may be lost and not know directions, or when I just want to talk to someone.**

**Explain that today, we'll be talking about prayer. Prayer is kind of like our cell phone for God. It is the way that we communicate with him when we need help, when we're lost and need direction, or when we just want to talk to him. Jesus talked about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount.**



## BACKGROUND INFO FOR LEADERS

Last week, we learned that the Sermon on the Mount, the first big sermon in the book of Matthew, teaches believers what it looks like to follow Jesus. Jesus shows us how to live in a way that's different from everyone else, like a group of people who love and follow Him. He calls us to be "salt" and "light." (Matthew 5:13-16) Salt makes things taste better and helps keep food from going bad, and light helps us see things clearly. When we live like Jesus wants, our lives can help others see how awesome God is and want to follow Him too! (1 Peter 2:12)

Jesus taught that we can't follow all of God's rules perfectly by ourselves because it's just too hard for us. (Matthew 5:48) The Old Testament shows us how big the gap is between God's perfect standard and what we can do on our own (Romans 3:19-20; Galatians 3:23-34). Jesus didn't come to get rid of the rules—He came to make them complete by living perfectly for us (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:5). He showed us what true righteousness looks like, and He wants us to trust in God's grace instead of trying to earn it by our actions. Jesus offers His perfect righteousness to everyone who believes in Him, and when we follow Him, He changes our hearts and helps us live in a way that pleases God from the inside out (Romans 6:17; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 2:12; Hebrews 8:10).

In Matthew 6-7, Jesus teaches us how to live out our faith in different areas of life—how to live with God in our spiritual life (like when we pray or give- Matthew 6:1-18), how to trust Him in everyday life (like with money or worries- Matthew 6:19-34), and how to treat others in our relationships (Matthew 7:1-12). In Matthew 6, Jesus talks about important things like giving to others, praying, fasting, and how we think about our stuff. He warns us not to do these things just to show off or get attention from people, but to do them because we love God and want to live the way He wants us to. Jesus doesn't just tell us what to do—He shows us how to do it and helps us live that way. He cares about both what we believe and how we act. In Matthew 6:9-13, He even gives us a model prayer to help us know how to talk to God.



## BACKGROUND INFO FOR LEADERS

**In Matthew 7:1-12, Jesus teaches us how to treat other people, and it ends with what we call the “Golden Rule”: “Do to others what you would want them to do to you.” This means we should treat people the way we want to be treated. Jesus starts by talking about how we shouldn’t judge others unfairly (verses 1-5), but we should also make wise choices about how we treat people (verse 6). He reminds us that God is the one who helps us know how to be kind and fair to others, and He gives us the strength to do it.**

**At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives a few examples to show that we have to choose: we can either be for Him or against Him (Matt. 7:13-27). He talks about two gates: the narrow gate that leads to life and the wide gate that leads to destruction. The wise people are the ones who listen to Jesus and follow His teachings, but the foolish ones ignore Him. Even though Jesus is talking mainly to His disciples, the crowds and religious leaders are also listening, and they are amazed by how Jesus teaches with such authority (Matt. 7:28-29).**

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## LOCATE THE SCRIPTURE & TELL THE STORY



Locate the scripture in the Bible: Matthew 6-7

Remind your group that we are now studying the New Testament. The first four books, the gospels, tell the story of Jesus' time as a man on earth from the voice of different authors.

Tell the story:

TELL  
THE  
STORY



Last week, we learned that Jesus taught about how people in His kingdom should live. Jesus taught that people in His kingdom live differently because they have been given new hearts that want to be like Him and live for His kingdom. In our story today, we will learn what Jesus says about how we should live to honor Him.

Great crowds of people followed Jesus wherever He went. One day, Jesus went up on a mountain. He sat down and began to teach.

Jesus said, "When you give to people who are poor, give in secret. And when you pray, don't pray just so that people will hear you."

Jesus taught the people how to pray: "Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one."

He also said, "Forgive others. If you forgive those who sin against you, God will forgive you too. But if you don't forgive them, God will not forgive you." Jesus said, "Do not collect treasures on earth, which can be destroyed or stolen. Collect treasures in heaven instead. For where your treasure is, that is where your heart will be also."

Read directly from Scripture, use The Jesus Storybook Bible, The Biggest Story Bible, or the summary provided in the lesson

Re-Tell

The Bible  
Story

Put the events in order, draw a comic strip, build it with blocks or playdough, act it out, etc...



## TELL THE STORY

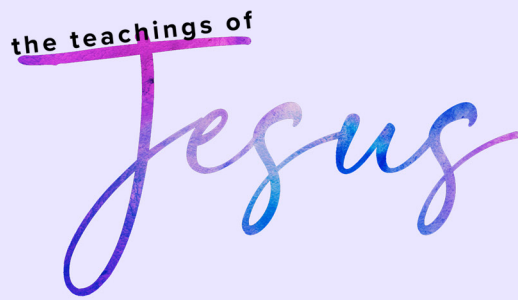
**Jesus also taught that God provides for His people. “Don’t worry about your life or what you will eat or drink or wear. Look at the birds: They don’t plant or gather food into barns, yet God feeds them. Aren’t you worth more than birds? Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first, and all these things that you need will be given to you.”**

**Jesus taught many things about how people in His kingdom should live. When He finished teaching, the crowds were amazed because He taught them like one who had authority.**

**Jesus taught people what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should interact with God and others. Believers live to honor God-not to earn God’s favor but because they already have it.**

**Re-tell the Bible Story: Have students re-tell the story as best they can.**

**Share the GOSPEL: Jesus came to earth to build His kingdom and bring people into His kingdom. As He taught, He helped people understand that the only way into His kingdom is by faith in Him. The righteousness that He taught His followers to seek is only found when we trust in Him. Everyone who is made righteous through Jesus will receive eternal life and all the joys of heaven.**



## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

**ATTENTIVE** - God hears and responds to the needs of his children.

**COMPASSIONATE** - God cares for his children and acts on their behalf.

**CREATOR** - God made everything. He is uncreated.

**DELIVERER** - God rescues and saves his children.

**ETERNAL** - God is not limited by time. He exists outside of time.

**FAITHFUL** - God always keeps his promises.

**GENEROUS** - God gives what is best and beyond what is deserved.

**GLORIOUS** - God displays His greatness and worth.

**GOOD** - God is what is best and gives what is best. He is incapable of doing harm.

**HOLY** - God is perfect, pure, and without sin.

**IMMUTABLE/UNCHANGING** - God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

**INCOMPREHENSIBLE** - God is beyond our understanding. We can comprehend Him in part but not in whole.

**INFINITE** - God has not limits in His person or on His power.

**JEALOUS** - God will not share his glory with another. all glory rightfully belongs to him.

**JUST** - god is fair in all his actions and judgements. He cannot over-punish or under-punish.

**LOVING** - God feels and displays infinite, unconditional affection toward his children. His love for them does not depend on their worth, response, or merit.

**MERCIFUL** - God does not give his children the punishment they deserve.

**OMNIPOTENT/ALMIGHTY** - God holds all power. nothing is too hard for God. What He wills He can accomplish.



## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

**OMNIPRESENT** - God is fully present everywhere.

**OMNISCIENT** - God knows everything, past, present, and future - all potential and real outcomes, all things micro and macro.

**PATIENT/LONG-SUFFERING** - God is untiring and bears with His children.

**PROVIDER** - God meets the needs of his children.

**REFUGE** - God is a place of safety and protection for his children.

**RIGHTEOUS** - God is always good and right.

**SELF-EXISTENT** - God depends on nothing and no one to give him life or existence.

**SELF-SUFFICIENT** - God is not vulnerable. He has no needs.

**SOVEREIGN** - God does everything according to His plan and pleasure.

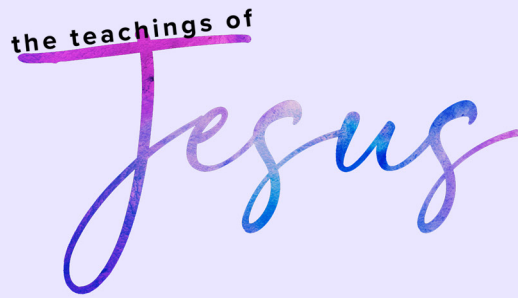
**TRANSCENDENT** - God is not like humans. He is infinitely higher in being and action.

**TRUTHFUL** - Whatever God speaks or does is truth and reality.

**WISE** - God knows what is best and acts accordingly. He cannot choose wrongly.

**WORTHY** - God deserves all glory and honor and praise.

**WRATHFUL** - God hates all unrighteousness.



## QUESTIONS TO REBUILD THE STORY

**“Storying” Questions:** As you ask these questions, have your students find the answers in the actual verses of scripture instead of recalling them from your re-telling of the story. We always want to encourage all of our students to go directly to God’s Word over a commentary on or summary of scripture. Use the Bible Study Bookmark Questions as well as these questions to help students understand the text:

1. What are some earthly treasures people’s hearts seek after?
2. What are some things you notice about Jesus’ model prayer? How did Jesus’ prayer show faith in God?
3. Does God save us based on our behavior or how we live?
4. What is the right reason for obeying God? What are some wrong reasons for obeying God? Why is it important that we obey God for the right reasons?
5. In today’s Bible story, what teaching of Jesus is hardest for you to obey? Why?
6. What are ways you can be a light for Jesus so that others can give glory to God?
7. Where does Jesus say our treasures are found? (Matthew 6:21)



## QUESTIONS TO REBUILD THE STORY

8. What does Jesus say about those who want to be praised by others? (Matthew 6:5)
9. What example does Jesus give to demonstrate God's care for His people?
10. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
11. What does the story teach me about myself?
12. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
13. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
14. How does this story help me live on mission?



## PRAYER PROMPTS

Lord, You are worthy of all praise, honor and glory. You are good and You are great. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us what You are like and bring us into Your kingdom through faith in Him. Help us love You with all of our hearts. Amen.

## IF TIME ALLOWS:

Play a game of Bible drill using the gospels.

## MISSIONS EMPHASIS:

Talk with your class about which church mission partners you would like to work with over the course of the year.

## REVIEW UNIT VERSE:

Spend time reviewing memory verse with students.

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## Application Questions

### LOOK UPWARD



- How does this story apply to your relationship with God?
- What does it teach you about Him- His will and His heart?
- What aspect of His character is He inviting you to experience and enjoy?
- How will you benefit by applying the truths of this story in your relationship with God?
- What practical steps can you take to live out these truths in your relationship with God?

### LOOK INWARD



- How does this story apply to your heart and your own spiritual growth?
- What does it teach you about yourself, your needs, or your goals in life?
- In what aspects of your personal life is God inviting you to grow and mature?
- How will you benefit by applying the truths of this story inwardly?
- How will those around you benefit?
- What practical steps can you take to allow these truths to help you grow spiritually?

### LOOK AROUND



- How does this story apply to your relationship with others?
- What does it teach you about how to see others and relate to them?
- What is god inviting you to do differently in your relationships?

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## Application Questions

### LOOK OUTWARD »»

- How does this story apply to your ministry and mission in life- to your role in God's kingdom, in society, and in the world?
- What does it teach you about God's purposes for the world?
- What part of His mission is He inviting you to participate in?
- How will you benefit by applying the truths of this story in your ministry?
- How will the world benefit?
- What practical steps can you take to live out these truths in the world?

### LOOK FORWARD »»»

- How does this story apply to your future, both in this age and in eternity?
- What does it teach you about God's plan for your life, now and forever?
- What aspects of eternity is God inviting you to participate in?
- How will you benefit in the future by applying these truths now?
- How will God's kingdom benefit?
- What practical steps can you take to impact eternity now with these truths?