

# Summer on the Mount

June 2, 2019 – August 25, 2019

Tagline: The upside-down teachings of Jesus

## Description:

This summer we are going to go through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). We are calling it our Summer on the Mount. This one sermon contains the upside-down teachings of Jesus. This is Jesus's longest recorded sermon and scholars think that it was His go-to sermon. He preached it repeatedly in different places and at different times. In it, Jesus takes all the teaching of the Old Testament and reimagines and reinterprets it framing it into what Matthew calls the "kingdom of heaven." He starts by saying that the way up is down. He says believers are most satisfied when we are poor, sad, meek, hungry and persecuted for righteousness' sake. Jesus also turns religion upside down. Religious people always think that God wants them to follow all the rules and look really good on the outside. They are always more concerned about outward appearances. Jesus says it is less about what we do on the outside and more about what is going on in the inside. Jesus turns all of our common-sense ways of living upside down. It is counterintuitive and countercultural living. It is influence, wealth, security, intolerance, entitlement and self-image all turned upside down. This sermon summarizes all the ways Jesus wants us to live out kingdom values here on earth. He says it best in His model prayer – "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). Believers in Jesus are here on this earth to do what Jesus would do if He were physically present. We are kingdom outposts in the places we live, work and play. We are called to be salt and light. We are called to let our shine before others so that they can see what God is really like. By opening up to others, we can help others open up to God. This is what our Summer on the Mount is all about.

## Key resources:

- *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount* by John Stott
- *Sermon the Mount: Story of God Commentary* by Scot McKnight
- *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount* by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- *Jesus' Sermon on the Mount* by D.A. Carson
- *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard
- *The Sermon on the Mount & Human Flourishing* by Jonathan Pennington
- *Matthew: A Commentary - Volume 1* by Frederick Dale Bruner
- *Matthew: A Commentary - Volume 2* by Frederick Dale Bruner

## Other resources:

- *Strange Days: Life in the Spirit* by Mark Sayers
- *Crucifying Morality* by R.W. Glenn

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Scripture</b>        | <b>Big Idea</b>                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|---|
| 06/02/19    | Matthew 5:1-12          | Happiness turned upside down            |
| 06/09/19    | Matthew 5:13-16         | Influence turned upside down            |
| 06/16/19    | Matthew 5:17-30; 33- 48 | Religion turned upside down             |
| 06/23/19    | Matthew 5:31-32         | Vows turned upside down                 |
| 06/30/19    | Matthew 6:1-18          | Godliness turned upside down            |
| 07/07/19    | Matthew 6:19-24         | Wealth turned upside down               |
| 07/14/19    | Matthew 6:25-34         | Security turned upside down             |
| 07/21/19    | Matthew 7:1-6           | Intolerance turned upside down          |
| 07/28/19    | Matthew 7:7-11          | Prayer turned upside down               |
| 08/04/19    | Matthew 7:12-14         | Entitlement turned upside down          |
| 08/11/19    | Matthew 7:15-20         | Religious leadership turned upside down |
| 08/18/19    | Matthew 7:21-23         | Image turned upside down                |
| 08/25/19    | Matthew 7:24-27         | Trouble turned upside down              |