



Unit 23, Session 1

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5–7

Story Point: Jesus taught people how to live in God’s kingdom.

One day, Jesus began to teach about the kingdom of God. First, Jesus taught about the blessings that come to those who follow Him. He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.”

Then Jesus taught how believers should live. Jesus taught about God’s law. He said that to enter heaven, a person can’t just look

righteous on the outside. A person must be righteous on the inside too. Jesus said, “Love your enemies, and pray for them.”

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.” The crowds were amazed because He taught them like one who had authority.

Christ Connection: Jesus taught people what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should live, how they should treat one another, and how to love God. People who trust in Jesus live to honor God and show what His kingdom is like.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Match each sentence with its correct ending. Find and read Matthew 5:3-10 to check your work.

Blessed are ...

- the poor in spirit,
- these who mourn,
- the humble,
- those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- the merciful,
- the pure in heart,
- the peacemakers,
- those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for ...

- they will be shown mercy.
- the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- they will be filled.
- they will be comforted.
- they will be called sons of God.
- they will inherit the earth.
- they will see God.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What did Jesus teach about how to live?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- How is the kingdom of God different than the world?
- How can believers be lights in a dark world?
- What blessings come to those who follow Jesus?

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APPLY the Story

- Find John 14:25-26 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His Word and for His teaching that equips us for living in a dark world. Pray that the light of Jesus would shine through you as you seek to live for Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12:28 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 11:19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 1:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5:22-25 |