

Recommended

Winter Study

Sermon on the Mount

After spending the fall in the Beatitudes, it seems natural to continue our time in the book of Matthew by heading into the full Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5-7. We have a book study and video series recommendation for you to pick from.

For groups that prefer a study booklet, we recommend the [Sermon on the Mount Study Guide by John Stott](#). John Stott was a theologian and leader in the worldwide evangelical movement. What does it mean to "seek first the kingdom of God" in our relationships, values, ambitions, finances, and commitments? In this twelve-session study, you'll dig deep into Jesus' startling and challenging message. This little booklet offers light but impactful reading, great questions for discussion, and helpful commentary for you as a leader to prepare and navigate discussion based on the questions the study includes.

We are providing a FREE copy of the John Stott study guide for each group leader. The free copies will be available for pickup at the Group Leader Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2023. If you'd like your copy sooner, email us anytime and we'll leave one at the Welcome Counter for you to pick up during Sunday services.

As the leader, you can use the questions in the booklet for group discussion ideas, or everyone in the group can buy a copy to make notes in it and see the questions in advance.

Staff Picks

See our fave 3 Bible App plans below!



rightnow MEDIA If your group has become partial to using RightNow Media video studies, we recommend [Living Jesus by Randy Harris](#). In twelve video segments (13 min average), Randy Harris takes you into the greatest sermon ever preached, saying Jesus fully intends for us to have integrity that's not for sale, sexual purity that begins in the heart, and a life of obedience that's a response to the profound grace of God. Randy Harris is a professor, preacher, spiritual director, and author. We enjoyed the content of this series very much – it's a gem. It includes free leader notes with questions for discussion as a downloadable PDF.

Additional Resources

Here are a few Sermon on the Mount commentaries and supplemental study tools:

[Sermon on the Mount Study Guide by Chuck Smith on Blue Letter Bible](#). This study contains notes and commentary from Chuck Smith, the founder of the Calvary Chapel movement.

For a very granular look including timelines, commentaries, maps and more, check out the [Sermon on the Mount Study Guide on Precept Austin](#). To get started, be sure to click on the verse that's listed on the left side of the page and then continue scrolling for even more supplemental information by verse and chapter.

Context

[Overview of Matthew 1-13 | Bible Project](#)

The Bible Project does a fabulous job of setting up the context of the Gospel of Matthew, illustrating the parallel between Moses and Jesus, and the overall organization of the book that could easily be overlooked. If you're not familiar, check it out and share the link with your group!

Questions?

Do you have any questions? Is there anything we can help you with? We'd love to hear from you! Please email us at groups@acfellowship.org.

A New Way of Being

Published by: Passages Israel

10 Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. What it means to be a disciple of Jesus. (10 Days) [CLICK HERE](#)

Fighting the Battle Against Worry

Published by: Lifeway

Do you wonder how to stop worrying? Jesus gave us the key in the Sermon on the Mount. (5 Days) [CLICK HERE](#)

The Lord's Prayer

Published by: Your Time Grace

Look at the blessings that God gives us through the Lord's Prayer in 2-3-minute daily videos. (10 Days) [CLICK HERE](#)