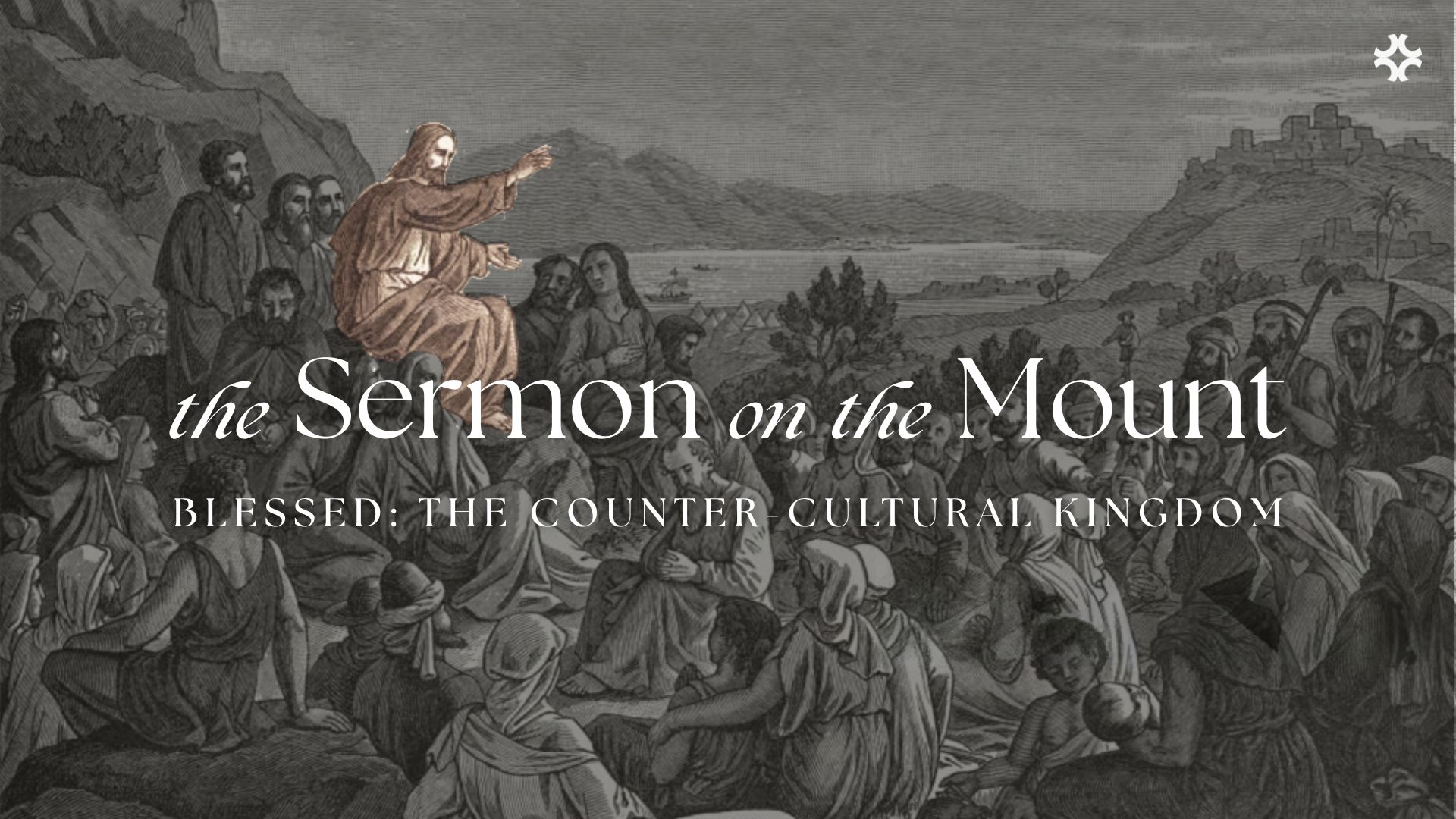


the Sermon *on the* Mount

BLESSED: THE COUNTER-CULTURAL KINGDOM

Matthew 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. **2** "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have…

Matthew 6:2 …received their reward.
3 But when you give to the needy, do not
let your left hand know what your right
hand is doing, **4** so that your giving may be
in secret. And your Father who sees in
secret will reward you. **5** "And when you
pray, you must not be like the hypocrites.
For they love to stand and pray in the
synagogues and at the street corners…

Matthew 6:5 …that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. **6** But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:16 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. **17** But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, **18** that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people…

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

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Outline – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

1. Man-Centered Motivation
2. God-Centered Motivation
3. The Reward that Re-Centers your Motivation

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1. Man-Centered Motivation – Giving

Matthew 6:5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others.

1. Man-Centered Motivation – Praying

Matthew 6:16 “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others.

1. Man-Centered Motivation – Fasting

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1. Man-Centered Motivation

Matthew 6:3 “But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. so that your giving may be in secret.”

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2. God-Centered Motivation

1 Corinthians 10:31 “Whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do all to the glory of God.”

2. God-Centered Motivation

Matthew 6:6 … And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:4 … And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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The more we live for His praise, the more we experience His pleasure.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

John 17:4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

3. The Reward that Re-Centers your Motivation

What's one area in your life that you live for the praise of man?

What would it look like to have God-centered motivation in that area of your life?