

# **WOMEN IN THE WORD**

## **FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**

### **THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

Scripture Reference Notes – April 28, 2026

Week 12 – A Call to Decisiveness: Two Destinies and Two Foundations

#### IN REVIEW:

Week 1 – The Overview

“In this sermon HE authoritatively unfolds His vision of true flourishing. Jesus has brought the kingdom of God into the world, and this sermon describes the new kind of community He is creating.”

Week 2 – The Beatitudes

“These statements of blessing highlight the countercultural vision of the good life that Jesus is bringing into the world.”

Week 3 – Faithful Witness and The Fulfillment of Scripture

“...encouraging His disciples to live as faithful witnesses in the world.....and to a “life of good works.”

Week 4 – True Righteousness (1)

“...his people must have a truer and deeper righteousness than that of the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees. Jesus explains what this “greater righteousness looks like....”

Week 5 – True Righteousness (2)

“His people must have a heart-rooted and whole-life righteousness.”

Week 6 – True Righteousness (3)

“...we are to live as His disciples in His countercultural kingdom.”

Week 7 – A Godward Life

“This is a vision of a Godward life—a life lived not for the sight and praise of others but for GOD.”

Week 8 – A Model Prayer

“The Lord’s Prayer is the heart of the Sermon on the Mount, both thematically and structurally. He teaches us how to relate to our Father in prayer. This is a model for true communion with God.”

Week 9 – Replacing Greed and Anxiety with Generosity and Faith

“Jesus shows us how to relate to money as we pursue the true life of flourishing in His kingdom.”

Week 10 – A New Vision for Relationships

“This unfolds His vision for our relationships with one another and with our heavenly Father.”

Week 11 – Two Ways and Two Trees

“...He leads his hearers to understand the truth and goodness of the way of His kingdom and to embrace it wholeheartedly.”

## WEEK 12----A CALL TO DECISIVENESS

Ephesians 4:14-15: “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.”

Revelation 3:16: “So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.”

\*\*Matthew 7:21-23:

“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' ”

Luke 13:27: “ ‘and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.’ ”

Matthew 15:8-9: “ ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’ ”

This is a quote from Isaiah 29:13

\*\*Matthew 7:24-27:

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

THE ROCK IS OUR GOD.

I Samuel 2:2: “There is no one holy like the LORD, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.”

Deuteronomy 32:4: “The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.”

Psalm 18:2: “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

More verses in Psalm 18:31, Psalm 28:1, Psalm 62:2, Psalm 62:6, Psalm 89:26

Psalm 95:1: “O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.”

Matthew 16:15-18: “He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”

\*\*Matthew 7:28-29:

“When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.”

The crowds were astonished, overwhelmed, bewildered by teachings of Jesus because of the manner in which He spoke.

“Authority” – “legitimate power or right to command, make decisions, and influence behavior, often derived from a position, expertise, or legal authorization.”

Where does Jesus get His authority?

Remember the story of Jesus in the temple at the age of 12. Read in Luke 2:41-52. But here is the outcome (verse 46-47): “Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.”

Even then young Jesus was impressive.

John 12:49-50: “For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

John 14:10: “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.”

John 17:2: “...even as You gave Him (that is, Jesus) authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.”

Matthew 28:18: “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

Isaiah 44:6 and 48:12 speak of “the first and the last,” “the Alpha and Omega” as does Revelation 22:13.

“I AM THE ALPHA and the OMEGA, the FIRST and the LAST, the BEGINNING and the END.”

The authority given to Jesus cannot be refuted. It is absolute, unquestionable, and sovereign.

So what does it mean to us as disciples of Christ today?

How do we live this counter-cultural, flourishing kingdom life that we have been given through Jesus Christ?

FINAL WORDS from Jesus’ pastoral prayer for His followers found in John 17.

**Lyrics from the recent film “The Great Awakening”**

**Awaken Us Today**

(Song by Sight & Sound Films 2026)

From the oceans, through the valleys  
From the mainland to the shore  
Let Your Kingdom be awakened  
In the hearts of men once more  
Call Your Children into freedom  
Captive souls to liberty  
Come awaken, Holy Spirit!  
Come awaken us today!

Love unending, grace unyielding  
Tender Mercies from thy throne  
Brings the lost soul into families  
Calls the wayward sinner home  
Bring salvation, Great Redeemer  
Holy fire fan to flame  
Come restore us, come revive us  
Come awaken us today!

I will serve Thee, Precious Jesus  
Unto Thee I give my all  
Lay my hands unto thy service  
And my heart unto thy call  
Perish every fond ambition  
Lay aside all selfish gain  
All forsaken for thy glory  
Come awaken us today!

Wake, O sleeper, from your slumber!  
Saints awaken, come to life!  
Christ will rise and shine upon you  
In His heav’nly light divine  
Like the sunrise in its dawning  
Breaking darkness with new light  
Rise upon us, King of glory  
Come awaken us today!  
For Your Kingdom, For your Glory  
Come awaken us today!

**AMEN!!!! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

***Next Week – May 5  
End of Year CELEBRATION***