



## What is the series about?

We will be going through Jesus' sermon on the mount in Matthew from chapters 5-7 and exploring what it looks like to live like Jesus.

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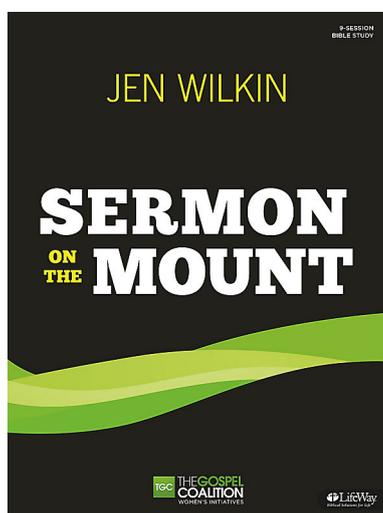
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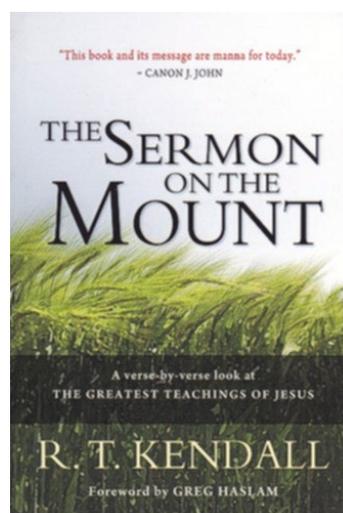
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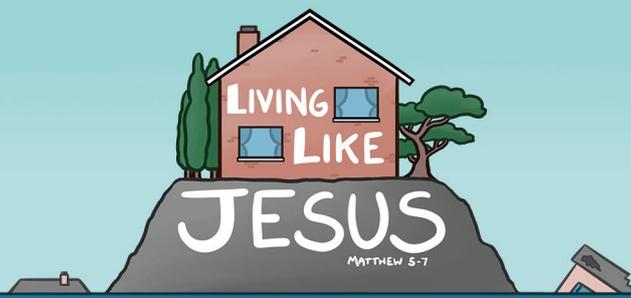
## Recommended Reading

Sermon on the Mount  
Jen Wilkin



The Sermon on the Mount  
R.T. Kendall





## Title: Possessions, Power & the Glory of God

Speaker: Goff Hope (City Centre) Bible Ref: Matthew 6: 19-33

### Overview

**Possessions:** Hugely important subject & major factor in the spiritual & physical wellbeing of Christians. It's also an area where we are all subject to subtle deception, blindness. Few see greed in themselves .

**Power:** Need to understand that money, possessions can quickly exercise power over us, shaping us. Can lead to greed, selfishness, coveting, resenting, stealing etc. (*Lord of the Rings – Gollum.*) We chase money & possessions as a way of getting significance, security, but they deliver anxiety How can we be free?

1) Trust your Father v32 2) Practice generosity 3) Replace with greater treasure.

**The Glory of God:** Created universe is all about glory, wonder (*Niagara Falls*) it's all about the Glory of God. *The universe was made to show it & we were made to see it & savour it...The sun of God's glory was made to shine at the centre of the solar system of our souls.* The Christian Gospel is all about the glory of God revealed in Jesus. Learn to treasure, make much of Jesus, worship him – a lot!

Tim Keller: "*Worship relaxes our hearts from the grip of what it thinks it needs.*"

### Questions to help your group understand the truth preached

On Sundays we hear God's word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth that was taught.

1. Jesus nowhere says that money or possessions are evil, so what's the problem?
2. Why does Jesus say we can't juggle love for him and love for possessions?
3. What reasons does Jesus give for us not having to worry?

### Questions to help your group apply the truth preached

When applied, God's Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. How can we tell if we are becoming greedy or 'treasuring' money & possessions?
2. If we worry too much about what people think of us, what should we do about it?
3. What does it mean to lay up treasure in heaven? How do you do that?

### Questions to help your group dig deeper

Having understood the truth preached, and explored how it can be applied to your lives why not dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions:

4. On a daily basis, what strategies can we put in place to combat the lure of possessions?
5. What strategies can we put in place to combat worry about the 'stuff' of life, having enough?
6. How can we grow in our valuing, appreciating, loving of Jesus?