



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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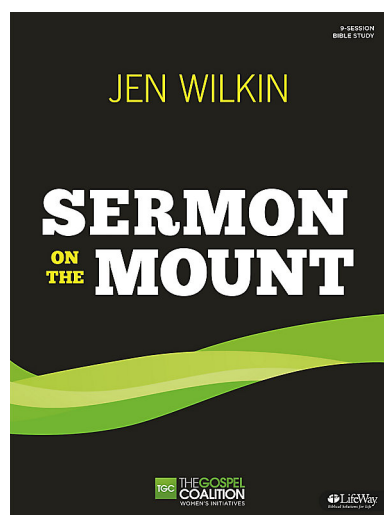
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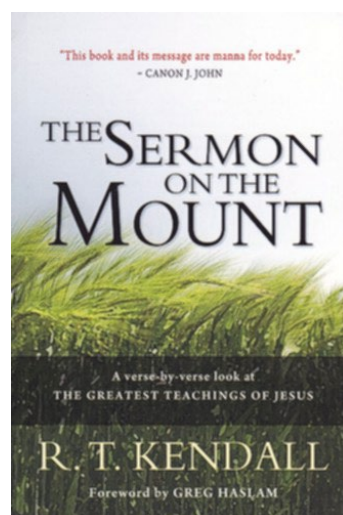
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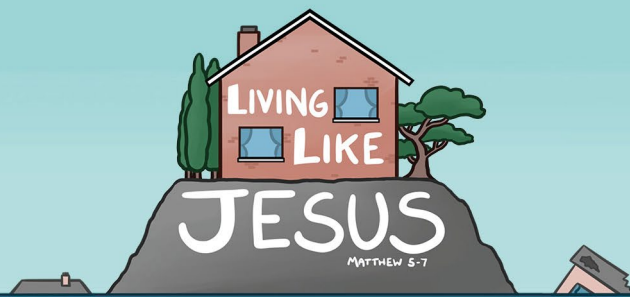
Recommended Reading

Sermon on the Mount
Jen Wilkin



The Sermon on the Mount
R.T. Kendall





Title: Giving

Speaker: Stuart Jones (City West) Bible Ref: Matthew 6: 1-4

Scripture

"Beware of practising 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.

"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 received their reward. 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. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

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. What behaviour marked the giving of the people referred to by Jesus as 'hypocrites'?
2. What do you think Jesus means by saying don't let one hand know what the other is doing?
3. What kind of reward might we expect from giving?

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. As Christians, do we have a choice about whether we should give to the poor or not?
2. Who do we know who is poor?
3. How does giving to the poor demonstrate the gospel?
4. How should we respond if the poor abuse, or take advantage of, our generosity?

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:

1. What incentive does Jesus give us for giving?
2. What Old Testament examples can help us to understand God's generosity better?
E.g. Genesis 1.27-31; 22.14; Exodus 3.8; 1 Kings 17.6; 7-16; 2 Kings 4.1-7; Isaiah 9.6-7; Malachi 3.8-12 etc.