



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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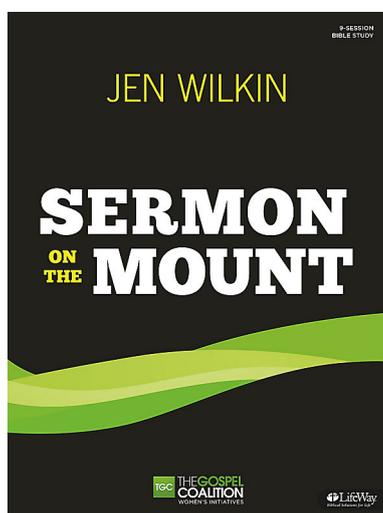
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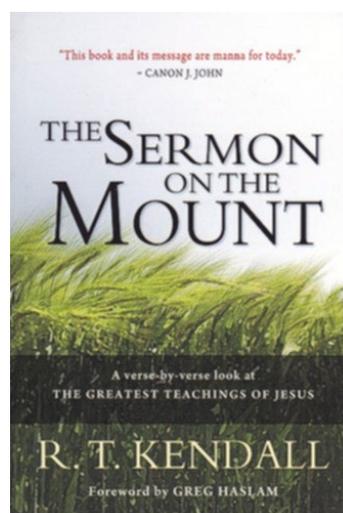
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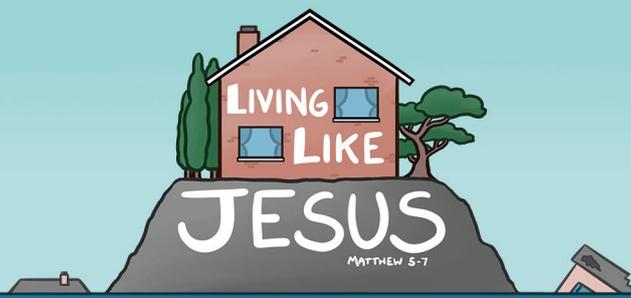
Recommended Reading

Sermon on the Mount
Jen Wilkin



The Sermon on the Mount
R.T. Kendall





Title: Ask, Seek < Knock

Speaker: Marcus Tutt (City West) Bible Ref: Matthew 7:7-12

Overview

Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray: *"Ask, and it will be given to you"*. He says it in three ways *"Ask, seek, knock."* Why should we ask? *"Because everyone who asks receives..."*. That's a really encouraging reason. Rather than give a detailed theology of prayer (and why sometimes it might not be answered) he says that even "evil" dads know how to give good gifts to their children. How much more our perfectly good heavenly father?! (*John 3:16, Romans 8:32*). A father imparts values and truth to his children so that, hopefully, their requests become more in line with his best for them (*John 15:4-16*). It's healthy for children to call out to their parents for help *"a happy childhood is a noisy business... the most gut wrenching sound I've ever heard is that of silence in a ward full of children in an orphanage"* Professor Andy Bilson. God's family should not be silent!

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. Why does Jesus call his listeners "evil"? (*Mark 10:18*)
2. Why do fathers want to respond to their children's requests with good things?
3. Why should we expect God, even more than earthly fathers, to give good things to us when we ask?

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 does this passage encourage you to pray more?
2. What questions come to mind when you hear Jesus say *"ask and you will receive"*?
3. How have your prayers changed over the time you have been a follower of Jesus?

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 might be the difference, if any, between asking, seeking and knocking?
2. What prayers have you prayed that have been wonderfully answered?
3. Why do you think Piper calls Romans 8:32 "glory laden logic"?