



# LIFE UNIVERSITY

## Course Syllabus



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### The Sermon on the Mount—Christian Counter Culture

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LU Track: Word of LIFE  
Term: Winter 2020

Day/Time: Sundays at 10am  
Location: Chapel

#### Teaching Team:

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#### Description:

The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best known part of the teachings of Jesus, though arguable is the least understood, and certainly the least obeyed. It is the nearest thing to a manifesto that he ever uttered, for it is His own description of what he wanted His followers to be and to do.

#### Course Objectives:

- To understand what we are through the grace of God working in our lives.
- To embrace a Christian worldview that is counter culture to the world around us.
- To draw a contrast between Christian and non-Christian standards.
- To be motivated to live out the precepts of this message in our relationship with God and with one another.

#### Course Schedule:

- Session 1: Introduction: What is this sermon? (Matthew 5:1-2)
- Session 2: A Christian's character: The beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)
- Session 3: A Christian's influence: salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16)
- Session 4: A Christian's righteousness: Christ, the Christian and the Law (Matthew 5:17- 20)
- Session 5: A Christian's righteousness: avoiding anger and lust (Matthew 5:21, 30)
- Session 6: A Christian's righteousness: fidelity in marriage honesty in speech (Matthew 5:31-37)
- Session 7: A Christian's righteousness: non-retaliation and active love ((Matthew 5:38-48)
- Session 8: A Christian's religion: not hypocritical but real (Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18)
- Session 9: A Christian's prayers: not mechanical, but thoughtful (Matthew 6:7-15)
- Session 10: A Christian's ambition: not material security but God's rule (Matthew 6:19-34)
- Session 11: A Christian's relationship: to his brothers and his father (Matthew 7:1-12)
- Session 12: A Christian's relationship: to false prophets (Matthew 7:13-20)
- Session 13: A Christian's commitment: the radical choice (Matthew 7:21-27)

#### Expected Preparation:

- Bible passage for each session is assigned for home study and personal reflection.

#### Recommended Reading:

**The Message of the Sermon on the Mount (The Bible Speaks Today Series)** by John Stott (Author). The Bible Speaks Today: New Testament Series; Leicester: InterVarsity Press, 2003. Original edition, 1978.