

READING THE BIBLE: With Tom Brewer

Spring Session, March 18 – June 10, 2019 (Mondays 7 – 9 p.m.) Room S-150

W.W.J.D.? Displaying Jesus by How We Live

Reader's Guide: The dates, themes and texts from the "Sermon on the Mount" are provided to encourage you to pre-read and meditate on the text before the class presentation. Each class session will build on the text and expand the theme to illuminate Jesus' moral teaching and portrait of Jesus' authentic people. From this teaching we know "What Jesus Would Do."

March 18	THEME: "BLESSINGS TRUE MEANING"	Matthew 5: 1-12 & Context
March 25	THEME: "REIMAGINE YOUR ROLE IN THE WORLD"	Matthew 5: 13-16
April 1	THEME: "TORAH FULFILLED & RIGHTEOUSNESS"	Matthew 5: 17-20
April 8	THEME: "MURDER & RECONCILIATION"	Matthew 5: 21-26
April 15	HOLY WEEK: Attend Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services	
April 22	THEME: "BREAKING COVENANTS"	Matthew 5: 27-32
April 29	THEME: "YES, YES OR NO, NO & NONRESISTANCE"	Matthew 5: 33-42
May 6	THEME: "NEIGHBORS, ENEMIES & PERFECTION"	Matthew 5: 43-48
May 13	THEME: "RIGHTEOUSNESS – THE BIG 3"	Matthew 6: 1-18
May 20	THEME: "ANXIETY AND SECURITY"	Matthew 6: 19-34
May 27	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	
June 3	THEME: "JUDGMENT & THE SACRED"	Matthew 7: 1-6
June 10	THEME: "RECEIVING, RELATING & ENTERING"	Matthew 7: 7-14
June 17	THEME: "FRUIT INSPECTION & JUST DO IT"	Matthew 7: 15-27

Recommended Reading:

The Message of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7: Christian Counter Culture)

by John R. W. Stott

Stott writes, "The followers of Jesus are different from both the nominal church and the secular world, different from both the religious and the irreligious. The Sermon on the Mount is the most complete delineation anywhere in the New Testament of the Christian counter-culture. Here is a Christian value-system, ethical standard, religious devotion, attitude to money, ambition, lifestyle and network of relationships--all of which are totally at variance with those in the non-Christian world. And this Christian counter-culture is the life of the kingdom of God, a fully human life indeed but lived out under the divine rule."