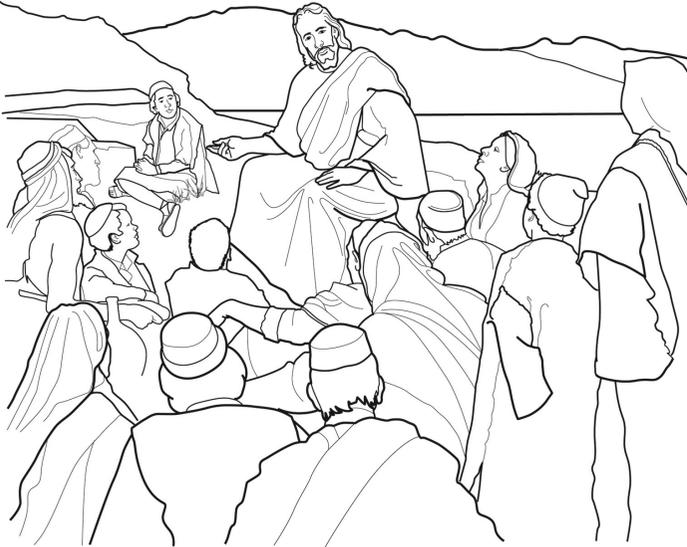


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Colour this in and bring it along next week to show us your skills!



It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.

Mark Twain



A caring community with every member equipped to demonstrate Christ, working with others to advance God's Kingdom in Chard and the world

Seek God – in prayer, worship, study of the Scripture and fellowship, we value the pursuit of God in Jesus Christ;

Love Generously – in time, talent and treasure, to stimulate one another to good works and a lifestyle of generosity;

Expect transformation – to see God's Holy Spirit move in individual lives, in the church and across our community

You may have been coming to Forefront for years. Or maybe you just popped in for one Sunday. Either way, if you feel moved to act on the things mentioned in the talks, we would be pleased to pray with you.

Ask someone in the service to point you in the right direction, or call in during the week at Forefront Community Centre (next to Chard Post Office sorting centre).

Contact details and more at forefrontcommunity.org

We live in a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants, in a world that has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. We have solved the mystery of the atom and forgotten the lessons of the Sermon on the Mount. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about dying than we know about living.

General Omar Bradley

From 18 September to 6 November 2016 we will be looking at Matthew 5, the first chapter of the "Sermon on the Mount", a collection of teachings which summarise the content of the main aspects of Jesus's public preaching. We will look at subsequent chapters in 2017. Please keep this leaflet to hand so you can read the specific passage ahead, each Sunday. In addition, why not:

- Read the whole chapter before we get started;
- Read the whole book to get the context;
- Pray that God will show us all something new from his Word that we can put into practice



The sermon
on
the Mount

Kingdom Lifestyle—Matthew 4:17—5:2

David Burfield, 18 September

Jesus calls his first disciples, demonstrates the miraculous power which underlines his authority, then begins his public teaching ministry. This passage sets the scene for the Sermon on the Mount, which follows.

This is also our Harvest service.



Don't worry, bee happy ... with the "bee attitudes" (Matt 5:3-10)

The Disciple's Character—Matthew 5:3-10

Tom Smith, 25 September

The defining characteristics of the 'upside down' kingdom. Jesus sketches out ideals for Christian disposition and behaviour in a series of proverb-like phrases which are rich in meaning, yet oddly cryptic.

Transforming Society—Matthew 5:11-16

Stuart Alcock, 2 October

What is the church "good for" (v13), how can we keep our witness tasty and illuminating—and how should we react when we are opposed for it?

This is also a Communion service.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.' Exodus 24:12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. Matt 5:2

Standards for Living—Matthew 5:17-20

Andrew Dimon, 16 October

Does God's grace and the victory over sin won by Jesus on the Cross mean we no longer need to worry about messing things up? What's the relationship of grace to the Law, the New Covenant to the Old?

Andrew is a visiting speaker, but very much part of the family!



On 9 October we interrupt our series for the second in our occasional series on 'apologetics'. This week the theme is "Do all religions lead to God?", with Nigel Marsh speaking. Includes breakfast (9.30am), a great opportunity to invite friends you think might want to visit us.

Resolving Issues—Matthew 5:21-26

Michael Tiffany, 23 October

Anger, insults, gossip and unforgiveness are all corrosive to the people of God. Jesus tackles this acid in our thoughts, mouths and behaviours.

Michael is a visiting speaker and a long-standing friend of Forefront.

Right Relationships—Matthew 5:27-32

Nigel Marsh, 30 October

We are inclined to deal with the obvious sins of others harshly, but excuse secret corruption in our own minds. God sees every action, every internet page viewed, every thought—but we are given abundant chances to put things right before they are exposed and dealt with.

Disciples and Politics—Matthew 5:33-48

Keith Barnard, 6 November

Honesty, humility, patience and a desire to treat everyone with love—how much better would public life be, if these were the guiding virtues? How do we stand up for these values and live up to that towering conclusion in v48, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

