

## Questions

1. What do you find to be some of the most challenging demands in the Sermon on the Mount?
2. What are some excuses you make to avoid being accountable to the demands of the Sermon on the Mount?
3. How would you describe the promise of reward in the Sermon on the Mount, both in this life and the life to come?
4. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"? In what ways do you struggle to be humbly dependent on the grace and power of Jesus?
5. How easy is it for you to slip into a form of mechanical, check-the-box religion that puts the emphasis on your own strength and wisdom and not on the grace and power of Christ?

# *The* King's Manifesto

*The Sermon on the Mount*

## Embracing the King's Manifesto

**Matthew 5:1-3**

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What are we to do with the Sermon on the Mount? It contains high ethical demands from Jesus for His followers. What are we to do with those demands?

**The Sermon on the Mount as a manifesto of King Jesus**

**The book of Matthew alternates between narration of what Jesus did and transcripts of five major discourses that He spoke. The Sermon on the Mount is the first discourse.**

**The centrality of the kingdom of God to Jesus' public ministry**

Embrace the Sermon on the Mount, don't evade it.

Obey the Sermon on the Mount, but don't be overwhelmed by it.