



## Up There, Down Here - Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7

"The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of principles to be obeyed apart from identification with Jesus Christ. The Sermon on the Mount is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting his way with us." Oswald Chambers

We live in a culture that often thinks of heaven as far away and up there. Heaven is seen as a distant place we hope to go to one day, but it doesn't have much to do with who we are down here. But followers of Jesus are called to live in a world where heaven and earth have already come together through Jesus Christ.

In the greatest sermon ever preached, the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches his followers what life looks like when heaven and earth come together, when up there comes down here. There is a reason Jesus taught us to pray, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This winter let's dive into the best known but least understood part of the teachings of Jesus as we explore what up there, down here looks like at El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

### Preaching Schedule

#### January

- 10 Matthew 5-7 "An Overview"
- 17 Matthew 5:1-12 "The Upside Down"
- 24 Matthew 5:13-20 "The Upside Down and Inside Out"
- 31 Matthew 5:21-48 "A Whole New Way"

#### February

- 7 Matthew 6:1-18 "The Heart of the Matter"
- 14 Matthew 6:19-34 "The Worry Remedy"
- 21 Matthew 7:1-23 "Golden Saturday"
- 28 Matthew 7:24-29 "A Firm Foundation"