

## WELCOME TO THE RED LETTER LECTURES ON DISCIPLESHIP

The Sermon on the Mount is the first and foremost teaching that Jesus gave to His first disciples. It is also the largest single block of instruction presented at any one time to His followers. It was and continues to be the starting point of training for all who have given Him their love, their lives and their hearts by committing to follow His commands in obedience. The Sermon on the Mount points to the very nature and character of Jesus himself; the way He thought, prayed and loved and treated others—even His enemies. It points to the necessity of being born again and a new regenerated spirit within every Christian, and presents the true blessings for every believer. Every approach to discipleship must start with the Sermon on the Mount. It is the foundation on which to build an eternal relationship with the King of kings and Lord of lords and effectively become His fully devoted servant. To get the most out of this study, the following should prove helpful:

- **Memorize every believer's marching orders:**

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15.*

- **Diligently study each set of notes.**

Participate in the assignments, ask questions from your pastor/teacher for any material you do not understand. Add the results of your own reading and study to the notes. Check out every point thoroughly (Acts 17:11).

- **Read at least one of these books during the life of this class (the more the better):**

1. *Sermon On The Mount*, James Montgomery Boice. (Our Primary Text).
2. *Christ's Call to Discipleship*, by the same author.
3. *Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

- **Memorize the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7).**

Don't be intimidated. Many have done it and have been blessed, including this pastor. Remember the words of David, "Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against You" — Psalm 119:11.

- **Be ready and equipped to go and teach others what you have learned—making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ. — Matthew 28:18-20.**

Don't keep it to yourself. Teach it!

*If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or need clarification on any section, you may contact me anytime.*

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