

**It's time to become or renew as a Participating Member at Cornerstone!** Membership at Cornerstone is primarily a spiritual growth tool. Every year we renew memberships to keep the momentum going—but it's not automatic! To become or continue as a Participating Member, see our Membership Application & Covenant at [CornerstoneNH.org/membership](https://CornerstoneNH.org/membership).

## OUR MISSION & VISION

We **inspire** & **equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better**, makes you better at life, and brings glory to God.

## OUR CORE VALUES

Jesus' followers are to be marked by **love**, take the **initiative**, and pursue **excellence**.

**Love: we are others-centered.** Following Jesus means putting aside our comfort and preferences to serve others. We aim to express selfless concern through practical actions with sensitivity, kindness, and humility.

**Initiative: we are proactive.** When we see a need, we don't make excuses or wait for an invitation, we leverage our resources for the benefit of others. We have a can-do, whatever-it-takes mentality.

**Excellence: we exceed expectations.** We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people. We are always aiming to do more than what is required, take it up a notch, go above and beyond, and exceed expectations. Excellence is not perfectionism but simply doing the best you can with what you have.

## CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check in!** You matter to us! We want to know who's connecting at Cornerstone. Open our **Church Center app** (search for it in your app store) and click the **Check In button**, or text **hereto 603-225-2550**. For WiFi connect to **cornerstone** with password **Sayyes2003!**



## YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

**CORNERSTONE ON SITE & CORNERSTONE ONLINE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

“How can I free my faith of guilt & frustration?”

## THE INDISPENSABLE JESUS

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT PART ONE

TODAY: FREEDOM • EXODUS 24:12-18, MATTHEW 5:1-2

THE BOTTOM LINE

WE \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS

Moses continued, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites.

You must listen to him. – Deuteronomy 18:15 NLT

JESUS IS THE PROMISED \_\_\_\_\_

LIKE \_\_\_\_\_.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain.

Stay there, and I will give you the tablets of stone on which I have inscribed the instructions and commands so you can teach the people.” – Exodus 24:12 NLT

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. – Matthew 5:1-2 NLT

Moses continued, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. – Deuteronomy 18:15 NLT

When Jews from Jerusalem sent a group of priests and officials to ask John who he was, he was completely honest. He didn't evade the question. He told the plain truth: "I am not the Messiah." They pressed him, "Who, then? Elijah?" "I am not. "The Prophet?" "No." – John 1:19-21 MSG

But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah— – Acts 3:18a NLT

...There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. – 1 Timothy 2:5 NLT

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." – John 14:6 NLT

**Saying "YES" to Jesus?** Let us know by checking in on the app, double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card, or text YES to 603-225-2550. Let us celebrate your decision with you & resource you for your new life in Christ.

## JESUS IS DEMONSTRATING OUR NEED FOR A

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From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!" – Matthew 5:20 NLT

"But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!"  
– Matthew 5:20 NLT

and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. – Matthew 6:12 NLT

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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.  
– Matthew 28:19-20a CSB

"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. – Matthew 7:21 NLT

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. – Matthew 7:24 NLT

But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.  
– Matthew 7:26 NLT

NEXT STEP: SAY YES

## WATCH & LISTEN TO THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT WEEKLY

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The BibleProject has a weekly playlist of materials to help you understand and think through the Sermon on the Mount in 2024. Get started at [CornerstoneNH.org/sermonplaylist](https://CornerstoneNH.org/sermonplaylist).

## LIVE IT OUT

*Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.*

- 1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?**
- 2. Review Matthew 5:20. How might Jesus' words have led to despair for original hearers? How does the Gospel—Good News—give us hope? (Think of the points in this message.)**
- 3. Have you been more prone to guilt or frustration in your faith? Pray or write out a prayer that expresses your gratitude to Jesus for freeing you from either one or both.**