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The Beatitudes

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Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- ✓ Jesus did not just come to heal _____ illness, He came to _____ us from the illness of sin.
- ✓ We can be blessed because it is _____
- ✓ We can be blessed because it is for _____
- ✓ We can be blessed because God _____ our story

John R.W. Stott

"The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the least understood, and certainly it is the least obeyed."

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?

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2. How do the Beatitudes compare to the values of your family, your work, your friends, or the culture?
3. What does "poor in spirit" mean to you?
4. Are you experiencing some of the "God-like joy" promised in the Beatitudes? When have you experienced it the most?
5. Do you struggle with feeling that you are independent and self-sufficient?
6. Can you think of someone who seems to be filled with an inner peace or supernatural joy? Why do you think that is?
7. What does being blessed mean to you?
8. What do you think of when you think of the Kingdom of Heaven?
9. How do you see these beatitudes in Jesus? Try to elaborate on your answers.
 - Was Jesus poor in spirit?
 - Did Jesus mourn?
 - Was Jesus meek?
 - Did Jesus hunger and thirst after righteousness?
 - Was Jesus merciful?
 - Did Jesus have a clean heart?
 - Was Jesus making peace?
 - Was Jesus persecuted?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 5:1-12) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?