

The Heart of the Matter

12. How should the practice of these Beatitudes in our lives make us salt and light to the world?

13. How do these promised blessings from Jesus in this passage compare to what the world has to offer us?

14. Which Beatitude would you rather avoid? Which Beatitude do you need to grow in the most?

15. How do all the Beatitudes put together describe what a follow of Christ should look like?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

What Are You Here For, Anyway? Matthew 5:1-16 For the Week of November 14, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you want to get away from people, where do you go and what do you do?
3. What is your favorite bumper sticker? Why?

Digging Deeper

4. In Matthew 5:1, what is the significance of the crowds being able to have access to Jesus on the mountainside compared to how things were for the Israelites with Moses (Exodus 19:10-13)?

5. According to verse 3, what does it mean to be “poor in spirit?”

6. Throughout the Beatitudes the word “blessed” is used. In the original Greek language of the New Testament this word literally means “Oh, how very happy.” In verse 4 what does Jesus mean by saying, “Oh, how very happy” are those who are sad (“those who mourn”)?

7. In verse 5, why would being meek be an important attribute for a Christ follower? Who else in the Bible demonstrated true meekness? (Philippians 2:3-11)

8. From verse 6, what does it mean to actually hunger and thirst after righteousness? In verse 7, what are practical ways that we should demonstrate mercy?

9. In verse 8, how is being pure in heart such an important character attribute for those who follow Christ? Why is our ultimate heart disposition so important to God?

10. In verse 10, what should bring about our being persecuted? Why does Jesus give more instruction about persecution in verse 11 and 12 compared to the other Beatitudes?

11. List all the blessings that come with all of these Beatitudes? Which blessing is the most meaningful for you?