

MATTHEW—3 Community Group Questions

Matthew 5:1-16

1—How have you seen the Lord work in your life this week?

2—Read Matthew 5:3-12. These are Jesus' BEATITUDES.

BEATITUDES = 8 blessings that begin the Sermon on the Mount. These blessings define the character of Jesus' followers as well as the rewards.

BEATITUDE comes from the Latin word for to BLESS or be HAPPY. It's an internal state of JOY and PEACE. Those who live these KINGDOM PRINCIPLES will be BLESSED!

SUMMARY of BEATTITUDES

v.3--Poor in Spirit = one's true dependence on God.

v.4--Those who Mourn = one's sorrow of personal brokenness

v.5--The Meek = Gentle, humble, submissiveness to God.

v.6—Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness = desire for more of God, personally + world

v.7—The Merciful = extending grace to others

v.8—The Pure in Heart = those who are loyal to God

v.9—The Peacemakers = who bring unity to others, reconciliation.

v.10—Persecuted because of Righteousness = mistreated for following Jesus.

Which of the Beatitudes would you say comes naturally for you? Which would be your biggest struggle?

3—Read Matthew 5:13. Why do you think Jesus uses salt as a metaphor for those who practice the Beatitudes?

4—How do you interpret what Jesus says about losing your saltiness? How does someone lose their saltiness? How do you know when you are "salt?"

5—Read Matthew 5:14-16. Why do you think Jesus uses light as a metaphor for those who practice the Beatitudes? When have you been a light of the world?

6—Which of Sunday's points best resonates with you?

- Living with kingdom principles leaves a kingdom influence.
- The kingdom life is a rare commodity.
- The kingdom life is personal, but never private.
- The kingdom life points others to the King.

7—Which verse in today's lesson can you apply in your life this week?