

THE STUDY GUIDE



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Beginning Sunday, June 7, Pastor Bobby Griffith will lead us through "Blessed," a new sermon series on the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In a world that often defines blessing through success, comfort, control, and certainty, Jesus offers a surprising and deeply hopeful vision of life in God's kingdom. Week by week, we'll explore what it means to be poor in spirit, to mourn, to practice meekness, to hunger for righteousness, to show mercy, to pursue purity of heart, to make peace, and to remain faithful even in the face of opposition. This series invites us to see blessing not as something we achieve, but as something we receive as we learn to live more fully in the way of Jesus.

SERIES SCHEDULE:

June 07

Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

June 14

Matthew 5:4

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

June 21

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth

June 28

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied

July 05

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy

July 12

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God

July 19

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God

July 26

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Selected Bibliography/Suggested Readings

NT Wright, Matthew for Everyone: Volume One

F. Dale Bruner, The Christbook (Matthew 1-12)

John Calvin, Sermons on the Beatitudes

John Stott, The Message of the Sermon on the Mount

Bonnie Pattison, Poverty in the Theology of John Calvin

Tim Keller, Walking with God through Pain and Suffering

Alan Noble, On Getting Out of Bed: The Burden and Gift of Living

Bessel van der Kolk, The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind and Body in the Healing of Trauma



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