



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

"Matthew 5:7-11" on April 26th

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 5:1-6 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 5:7-11

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Mercy is lovingkindness – compassion and forgiveness we

- DON'T deserve. It means we don't get what we DO deserve!
- Matt asked, "Do I truly understand how much mercy I have received from Jesus?" How would you respond to that question?
- Mercy is what we received when we were dead in our transgressions, in need of grace. Meditating on Ephesians 2:4-5, how can you express your thankfulness to God, who is rich in mercy and made us alive with Christ?

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." The heart is the 'control center' of our lives, the core of who we are. We all have a 'heart condition' when it comes to being pure in heart.

- How does what comes out of your mouth indicate the condition of your heart? Does what others see and hear from you show them what it looks like to follow Jesus?
- What in your life or in the condition of your heart is keeping you from serving and following Jesus wholeheartedly?
- Would you describe your loyalty to Jesus as single-minded, or compromised by distractions?

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." For Jesus, becoming a peacemaker cost Him His life, as He gave it up for our shame, our sin, and our brokenness. His death gave us life, and His resurrection gives us hope, but we are confronted with conflict when we continue to sin, in light of all He has done for us. Only He can bring reconciliation to that conflict!

- Does your dependence on Jesus allow Him to lead the conflicts in your life?
- How could this need for reconciliation impact your prayer life for you or for someone you know?

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED

Matthew 5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." We can only become merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers when we are 100% dependent on Jesus and who He is. That's when our counter-cultural stand can bring opposition and persecution!

- Do you stand up for Jesus no matter what? Even in the face of opposition?
- With whom could you share your story and your enthusiasm in standing up for Jesus?



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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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BECOMING

These Beatitudes give us a portrait of Jesus – when we read them, we see what it looks like to follow Him. When we look at them we can see ourselves there like a reflection in a mirror – the reflection should show more of Him in us!

- We all are in the process of ‘becoming’ on our journey with Jesus; how would you respond to the question,
- “AM I BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS?”

RESPOND

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

Luke 10 – The parable of the Good Samaritan. Matthew 18:21-35 – The parable of the Unmerciful Servant. Read about the upside-down ways of God’s Kingdom.