

"Show Us the Good Life!"**Discussion Questions**

- Think of a time when you felt very close to/connected to Jesus. What was that time like for you? What do you think led to that time of closeness?
- It seems that many Christian people today see Jesus more as a “ticket to heaven” and less as a reliable and clear guide for how to live life here and now. Would you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
- Read through the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount- Matthew 5:1-16. Sometimes words like these lose their impact because they’re so familiar. Imagine that you’re hearing these words for the first time as you sit and listen to Jesus. What would have been surprising? What would have given you hope? Concern?
- When you think of being “poor in spirit” (or spiritually impoverished/bankrupt) what comes to your mind? Have you ever felt that way?
- In what ways could the condition of spiritual poverty allow someone to experience “blessedness”? In what ways does that not seem to make sense?
- Take some time this week to reflect on your current awareness of your need for Jesus. In what ways would you desire to feel that need more acutely?

Bible Reading

Sunday, April 3	Matthew 1; Matthew 2
Monday, April 4	Matthew 3; Matthew 4
Tuesday, April 5	Matthew 5; Matthew 6
Wednesday, April 6	Matthew 7; Matthew 8
Thursday, April 7	Matthew 9; Matthew 10
Friday, April 8	Matthew 11; Matthew 12
Saturday, April 9	Matthew 13; Matthew 14