

**TEXT: Matthew 5:1-12**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Starting Point is coming up on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Childcare and lunch is provided. It will take place at 12pm right after the second service. To sign up go to [redeemerchurch.com/events](http://redeemerchurch.com/events).
  - Baptism Class is coming up on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 12pm directly after the second service. You can sign up at [redeemerchurch.com/events](http://redeemerchurch.com/events).
  - Members this is the last week to reaffirm the covenant. Check your email for more details concerning reaffirmation.
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## **BIG IDEA: The King brings a Great Reversal**

**Ice Breaker: What do people mean when they use the word blessed in our culture? What are some examples of how they use the word blessed? What does this tell us about how our culture understands this word?**

### **What is the context of Matthew 5?**

Matthew 5:1-2

- Who is this sermon to?
- Who is this sermon for?

Matthew 5:3-4

- How does the way that Jesus describes what it means to be blessed change your view of what it means to be blessed?
- What does it mean to be poor in Spirit?
- Do you often think of yourself as poor in Spirit? What would change if you did?
- How does it make you feel to see Jesus as a comforter in times of grief and mourning?

Matthew 5:5-6

- What does it mean to be humble and meek?
- How does Jesus' description of the humble as blessed challenge the way we see power and humility in our world today?
- What does it look like to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and how should we pursue it?

Matthew 5:7

- What is mercy?
- How does understanding God's mercy towards you change the way you extend it to others?

Matthew 5:8

- What does Jeremiah 17:9 say about our hearts?
- Knowing this, how do we become the "pure in heart" Jesus mentions?

## Matthew 5:9-10

- What does it mean to be a peacemaker?
- What does Jesus say about the persecuted?
- How does what Jesus says about suffering and persecution look different from how other people may describe it or respond to it?
- What are some ways that you feel like God is calling you to demonstrate the gospel like Jesus does to the people in your life?
- Ultimately, this passage points to how Jesus brings a great reversal. Which of these reversals stands out to you the most and what does it change for you?

### Quotes

We just don't get the Sermon on the Mount, or Jesus's ministry in general, like his immediate hearers did. Jesus wasn't turning things upside down. He was turning them right side up. This is why the good news is good news for those at the bottom. Think of every category of person spoken to in the Beatitudes: The spiritually impoverished. The emotionally devastated. The psychologically weak. The culturally oppressed. The inwardly pure. The relationally calm. The physically abused. The personally accused. Culturally speaking, do we cherish these people? Are these the kinds of people we typically feature on magazine covers or in awards shows? And we don't typically have a word for them. And yet these people are exactly the ones Jesus is speaking to. His words are especially designed for and specifically targeted at . . . well, losers. - Jared Wilson

R.C. Sproul - and what it describes. He said this: It is a quality frequently manifested by exceedingly strong people who do not use their strength or power to crush others or to lay them low.

R.C. Sproul - Our inability to see God is not a deficiency in our eyes but a deficiency in our hearts. God will not allow Himself to be seen by those who are impure.