



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

6/30/2024

MESSAGE: Beatitude Poor In Spirit

WEEK#5

SERIES: Jesus Story: The Beatitudes

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Josh Ramsey

CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. If you just met someone, what words would you use to describe yourself? Why did you choose those words? How would those who know you well describe you?
2. How does our society define happiness? How do Jesus followers define happiness? Are the two definitions exclusive? Please explain your answer.
3. Read Matthew 5:1-10. Which Beatitude perks your interest the most? Which result or promise would you say is most desirable to you and why?
4. Would you say you are more likely or less likely to ask for help? Why do you think you lean that way? If it is hard to ask for help, start by asking for prayer in a specific area.
5. Discuss James 4:10. What is this verse saying? How do you define or describe the word humble? What does humility look like in today's world or does it? How can you practice humility this week? Be specific!
6. Read and discuss Luke 18:9-14. What would you say is the key difference between the two people in this parable? How did both men approach God? What was the result for each? What can we learn from this parable or how can we apply it to our lives?
7. Read and discuss 1 Peter 1:13-16; Hebrews 12:14. How do you define holiness? Is holiness something that we do or someone that we are or both? We are told to pursue or work at living a holy life. How does holiness enhance our relationship with God? Would you say living in God's holiness is a key to our faith? Why or why not?
8. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:



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Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
 2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
 3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
 - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
 - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
 - **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
 - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
 - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church