

Small Group Questions "Summer on the Mount" | Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 1 Week 1 | June 12, 2022

- 1. ICEBREAKER: When you hear the word "blessed," what comes to mind?
- 2. What is your level of familiarity with the Sermon on the Mount? What are some of your hopes/expectations over the next 13 weeks as we look at these 3 chapters together?
- Read Psalm 1:1-6. How do these verses describe the blessed life compared to the Sermon on the Mount?
 a. What's different? What's similar?
- 4. I love that the Beatitudes don't start with "Blessed are those who *don't*." Our faith is an active faith! Which of the 8 beatitudes most sticks out you? Why that one?
- 5. Can you think of a time when you saw meekness personified?
 - a. How did that moment impact your understanding of meekness now?
 - b. If you were to take a step toward meekness this week, what might that practically look like?
- 6. What do you crave? For what do you spiritually hunger and thirst? What could living out v. 6 look like today?
 - a. How might that encourage a different generation of Christ followers to do the same?
- 7. New sermon series are often a chance to consider some time-stamped spiritual goals. What would you like to see change/improve/develop in your life with Christ over the next 13 weeks?
 - a. Set some reminders as a group to check in on each other a few weeks from now on how you're doing. Remember, we're not doing these things to *gain* God's love, but because we already have it!

Spend time in prayer together as a group in a different way than you have recently.