

Sermon Discussion Questions
For the Week of January 29, 2023

Sermon Information:

Blessed
Matthew 5:1-12

Who is blessed?

- Those who confess their need for God.
- Those who value the things of God.
- Those who are persecuted.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you tend to use the word 'blessed' very often? In what ways do you tend to use it or hear it used? How does this compare with how Jesus uses the word in this passage?
2. Read Isaiah 61:1-3 and Matthew 5:3-6. What connections do you see between these passages? Why is it important to note that these beatitudes are fulfillments to promises from the Old Testament?
3. Read Matthew 5:6. Would you say you hunger and thirst for righteousness? What are some ways that you can cultivate a desire for righteousness in your life?
4. Would you consider yourself a peacemaker? (Perhaps ask people if they are peacemakers, peacekeepers, or peace-breakers). How does making peace reflect the heart of God? Why is it important to remember that the beatitudes, including this one, aren't just our natural personality types, but supernatural works of the Holy Spirit?
5. How have you experienced persecution or reviling on account of your faith in Jesus? Why is it significant that Jesus includes this in the beatitudes?