

Sermon 02: Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Main Text: Matthew 5:4 | Focus: Authentic Lament & Divine Comfort

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

CORE KINGDOM PRINCIPLE: *The kingdom of God does not demand artificial happiness or spiritual numbness. Jesus meets us in honest reality, promising that divine comfort is not an abstract explanation, but a Person—King Jesus—who entered our sorrow to ensure that mourning will not have the final word.*

I. Refusing Spiritual Numbness & Telling the Truth (Matthew 5:4)

1. **Listening Aid:** Biblical mourning describes real _____, not mild disappointment or surface regret.

2. **Listening Aid:** Biblical lament is not unbelief, it's faith taking God's _____ seriously.

Self-Discovery Question 1: How does culture or modern religion encourage us to mask pain or pretend 'everything is fine'? What is one area of grief or disappointment you have hesitated to bring honestly before God?

II. The Four Dimensions of Kingdom Grief (Romans 8:18–25)

3. **Listening Aid:** Kingdom grief includes: (1) Our own sin, (2) Sin around us, (3) Human loss, and (4) Broken _____.

4. **Listening Aid:** Certainty of resurrection hope does not eliminate the real _____ of loss right now.

Self-Discovery Question 2: Which of the four dimensions of grief presses most heavily on your heart today? Why is it dangerous to numb these feelings instead of bringing them to Christ?

III. The King Enters Our Suffering (Matthew 9:14–15; John 11:35)

5. Listening Aid: Jesus is the 'Man of Sorrows' who entered our suffering rather than defeating it from a _____.

6. Listening Aid: Divine comfort is not a cold explanation, but the personal _____ of King Jesus.

Self-Discovery Question 3: Knowing that Jesus wept at Lazarus's tomb (John 11:35) even when He knew resurrection was minutes away, how does His willingness to weep with you change the way you view God in seasons of sorrow?

IV. Grief Held Inside an Unshakable Promise (Revelation 21:1–5)

7. Listening Aid: Worldly despair says 'death wins'; Christian hope says '_____ is risen!'

8. Listening Aid: God does not just tell us to stop crying—He will _____ the very things that make us cry.

Self-Discovery Question 4: How does Revelation 21:4 ('He will wipe away every tear') give you strength to endure present grief without becoming bitter, cynical, or hopeless?

V. Personal Kingdom Commitment & Response Prayer

Honest Lament Step: This week, I will stop pretending and bring my honest grief regarding _____ to God in prayer.

Ministry of Presence Step: Instead of offering hasty clichés, I will sit with and comfort _____.

My Prayer of Response: Write out a brief prayer bringing your honest grief to King Jesus, thanking Him for His comfort.

