

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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Sermon Discussion Questions - January 2 & 4, 2025

Matthew: Part 2 - Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1-12 (Beatitudes)

Ice Breaker: *The Beatitudes are famous for starting with the phrase, “Blessed are the...”*

- **Q1: When you hear the word “blessed,” what do you usually think of in everyday life? How do people tend to use that word today?**

Read Matthew 5:1-12 together. Jesus presents a vision of the “blessed life” that’s very different from the world’s idea.

- **Q2: Which Beatitude feels the most surprising or countercultural to you right now?**
- **Q3: Which Beatitude feels hardest for you to live out in this current season of your life?**

Jesus begins His message by saying that those who are “poor in spirit” are blessed.

- **Q4: What might it look like to depend more on God rather than relying on your own strength in your current season?**

Jesus also says that those who mourn are blessed because they will be comforted.

- **Q5: Have you experienced God's presence or comfort in moments of loss, disappointment, or unmet expectations recently? What did that look like?**

As Christians, we are called to “hunger and thirst for righteousness”.

- **Q6: What does “hungering and thirsting for righteousness” look like beyond personal morality—at work, in relationships, or in your community?**

Jesus also addresses the merciful, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers.

- **Q7: Is there someone you find it difficult to show mercy to right now? What might a small step toward mercy look like?**
- **Q8: What's the difference between keeping the peace and making peace? Where might God be inviting you to step into tension or conflict with wisdom and love?**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shows that the Kingdom of Heaven is breaking into the world here and now.

- **Q9: As you look ahead to this week, how might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to reflect or embody God's kingdom to the people around you?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!