



Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount/ Matthew 5-7

Notes from the group zoom discussion on 10/14/20

Notes from the group zoom discussion on 10/14/20

The three questions for discussions

What is the most common thought around what blessed means in the world system? *Fame, fortune, driving nice, material prosperity, all of what is external gain is what is considered blessed and highly exalted by the world.*

The contrast is that God declares blessing and favor by starting with the heart and its disposition and attitude. He says blessed are the poor in spirit, those that mourn, the meek, and they that hunger and thirst for righteousness. We concluded that a life dependent upon the Lord, yields true happiness in life and that God wants our internal affection deeply connected into His grace.

We discussed the importance of diving deeper with and in God and desiring Him. We used the word lust to exaggerate the intensity of desire and how we should crave after the Lord. Chasing His heart and not his hand. As we walk with God we discover more about God and His goodness and we want more. This is part of the journey! We also discussed that who we associate with and how people live their lives is a big influence with all of us as well, we should live what we preach, we are to be living epistles! It is attractive living for God.

When you look at your life what can you see in these first attributes that have been evident on your journey?

- ❖ *We noticed that there are times in our lives where we have forged ahead in our strength and recognized we were prideful or arrogant and dependent upon the flesh. We found ourselves back at the fountain of God as empty pitchers before His full fountain.*
- ❖ *We recognized we no longer desire for the things we wanted before and the brokenness in us is important. Maintaining a posture in the first 3 beatitudes (poor in spirit, mourning, meekness and hungering and thirsting for God is important on the journey. We recognize the frailty of our lives leans us into God.*

Building Bridges, Reaching People, Transforming Lives



Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount/ Matthew 5-7

Notes from the group zoom discussion on 10/14/20

- ❖ *We discussed meekness as we look over time periods in our lives where we live without jockeying for positions and how God has just manifested blessings unexpectedly*
- ❖ *We said the more we live in the character of Christ the easier it is to prosper in life, because we are developing a relationship with the Father.*
- ❖ *As we grow our heart begins to be fixed on the Lord and the things of God so we develop more trust in the Father. The fruit of the spirit aligns us in such a way that we attract resources.*
- ❖ *Our relationship is the driving force of everything. Who people associate with and how people live their lives is a big influence with all of us as, we should live what we preach, we are to be living epistles!*
- ❖ *It is attractive living for God.*
- ❖ *We are to be salt and light and peacemakers etc.*

What can we do to increase our hunger for righteousness? A good translation of righteousness is ...the way life should be.

- ❖ *We discussed the importance of diving deeper with and in God and desiring Him. We used the word lust to exaggerate the intensity of desire and how we should crave after the Lord. Chasing His heart and not his hand. As we walk with God we discover more about God and His goodness and we want more. This is part of the journey!*



Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount/ Matthew 5-7

Notes from the group zoom discussion on 10/14/20

Words and phrases, we used for how we can increase our hunger and thirst for righteousness:

- ✓ *Live as if I am chosen (because I am) with gratitude. This keeps the heart humble and looking up to God.*
- ✓ *Being aware and intentional of the will of God.*
- ✓ *Being aware of His love and then hungering after His love*
- ✓ *Experiencing His goodness through worship, prayer and His word (Taste and see that the Lord is good) The more we do this our hunger and thirst increases.*
- ✓ *Feed our hunger, sowing toward the Spirit, feed our passion for God*
- ✓ *Being intentional, becoming one with the Word, asking God to give us a revelation of His Love.*
- ✓ *Set our affections on things above. Connect all we do to eternity*
- ✓ *Experience God in meditation at a heart level*
- ✓ *Ask, Seek and Knock*
- ✓ *Lord how do I sit with you, Teach us Lord how to sup with you.*
- ✓ *My relationship with the Lord is how I intentionally go after Him, its up to me, to us to experience a prosperous relationship.*
- ✓ *Recognize we are His beloved*
- ✓ *Desire: We must try God, we must taste him, position ourselves*
- ✓ *Memorizing scripture*
- ✓ *Meditation, learning more about God*
- ✓ *Lives are in the balance; the awareness of people being lost should help us pursue God.*
- ✓ *Witnessing is another powerful way to grow our hunger*
- ✓ *This is a two-way street God wants us to deny ourselves and for HIM to be our beloved we are ALWAYS HIS beloved. The principle is "Draw nigh to God and HE will draw nigh to us. Plant to the spirit and we will reap harvest now in this life and the life to come.*

Building Bridges, Reaching People, Transforming Lives