

**Message Series Guide**  
**Summer on the Mount**  
**Part I – The Beatitudes**  
**Matthew 5:1-12**



What does it mean to live the blessed life? God's people can delight in their call to live differently in this world, knowing that true blessing comes from submission to and dependence on God who will reward them as they become more and more like Jesus.

**READ:**

Micah 5:1-12 • 1 Samuel 16:7 • Romans 14:19 • 2 Timothy 3:12

**DISCUSS:**

- What does it mean to be poor in spirit? How does recognizing ourselves as spiritual beggars affect the way we live each day?
- What does it mean to mourn our sin? What is the blessing on for someone who mourns their sin?
- Is meekness the same as weakness? Why or why not? What does it mean to give God a black check for your life?
- How does God satisfy those who hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- What is mercy? What is being merciful a requirement for receiving mercy?
- How can we know if we are pure in heart? Why is this important to living the blessed life?
- How does peace play a central role in the Bible? Why is the gospel called the gospel of peace? How can we be peacemakers?
- Why is persecution an unavoidable part of the Christian life? What does persecution produce for the believer?
- How does our relationship with God and our relationship with one another give us the ability live the blessed life?

**PRAY:**

Pray that you will faithfully live the blessed life (the Beatitudes).

**RESPOND:**

Choose one Beatitude and commit to live it out this week.