



Message Notes

Mini-series 1: If You're Happy and You Know It...

Week 1: Matthew 5:1-6 (ESV)

Big Idea for this week:
Right _____ drives right _____.

1. _____ produces a right attitude

2. _____ produces right thinking

2. Power under control

1. humility

Big Idea: attitude/thinking

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. How does the kingdom of this world define or describe happiness? What happens when children of the Kingdom of God define happiness the same way? How should we define happiness? Think of a time in your life when you knew Jesus was real and present. How would you describe that moment when you realized His presence in your life? How do you describe life since?

2. Consider the first beatitudes. Why does Jesus begins with these? How does being poor in spirit, mourning, being meek, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness, collide with the way this world thinks?

3. What kind of life does being humble and having power under control offer? How would our lives be different if we lived these beatitudes? In what ways do you take ownership of your own humility? In what ways do you show meekness in your life?

4. How do we get to a place of having a right attitude? How do we let this new attitude change the way we think? What comes after right thinking? You'll have to come back for part 2 of our series, "If you're Happy and You Know It..."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, show us how to live as children of the King Give us wisdom and strength and courage to reject the kingdom of this world and choose to follow You in all things. Give us humility and power under control as we walk through this kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.