



Message Notes

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

Week 2: Matthew 5:7-12 (NIV)

Big Ideas for this mini-series:

Right _____ drives right _____.

Right _____ determines right _____.

1. Our motives are at the _____ of our actions.

2. Our actions _____ the desire of our heart.

Big Idea: attitude/thinking // thinking/actions 1. root 2. reveal

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. In your own words, how do we show mercy? How would you describe having a pure heart? How do we live as peacemakers? How do we see persecution for Christ's sake as a blessing?

2. In what ways have you been inauthentic with others? How do we get back to building true community through authenticity?

3. Consider these last beatitudes. Why does Jesus conclude with these? How does showing mercy, being pure in heart, making peace, and being persecuted for our faith, collide with the way this world thinks?

4. Thinking of your life, have you seen that your motives are at the root of your actions? How? Have you seen that your actions reveal the desire of your heart? How?

5. We all want to get to a place where we have right motives and live right actions. How will these beatitudes frame the rest of Jesus' Message on the Mount? You'll want to come back as we learn from Christ how to thrive when competing kingdoms collide.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give us strength to live for You with pure motives and right actions. Please give us wisdom, strength, and courage to reject the kingdom of this world and choose to follow You in all things. Reveal the root of our actions and give us a true desire to love You completely. In Jesus' Name, Amen.