



INTRODUCTION

You've undoubtedly heard someone reference "blessing" or "the blessed life," but what does that really look like in the kingdom of heaven?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think of when you hear "blessed"? How does the Bible's definition differ from #blessed?
2. As you read through the Beatitudes (v.3–10), was there one that stood out to you more than the others? Why that one?
3. Jesus begins and ends the Beatitudes speaking about the "kingdom of heaven" (v. 3 and v. 10.). What do you think this phrase means or refers to?

Here are questions to help explore each of the Beatitudes. Don't feel like your group has to answer each one. Maybe just those that correspond with Question #2 answers:

- Do you see your spiritual poverty before God? In what way?
- How can you express "mourning" in your own life?
- Meekness isn't very popular in culture or church today. How could you better live it out in your life?
- How do physical hunger and thirst help us understand how we should feel toward the things of God? Why would starving yourself of him for a long time counterintuitively make you less hungry for his righteousness?
- Why will we grow in mercy as we grow in knowing Christ?
- How can you express purity in your own life?
- What are some places in your sphere of influence where peacemaking is needed? How could you be a reconciling influence there?
- Why is it important to distinguish between being persecuted for having an abrasive attitude versus being persecuted for righteousness? Do you think you have ever claimed the latter when it was really your attitude at fault?