

## Matthew 5:7-12 The Beatitudes

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## As a Group

Open in prayer

Begin by reading all of the Beatitudes - Matthew 5:1-12

- 1) Being **merciful** is more than just feeling compassion but it is about putting your compassion into action. Discuss areas in your life or examples where you struggle with this.
- 2) What are some ways you can work on having a **PURE heart**? Discuss with each other what you plan on doing this week to work on having a **PURE heart**.
- 3) Why are we to confront other believers about their sin and how are we to do it? How does this apply to being **Peacemakers**?
- 4) We are to be bold in our faith & willing to face persecution! Give examples of how you or someone you know, have been persecuted for your faith.

## Break into Men's & Women's small groups (Please allow 20 minutes for this)

- 1) Being merciful is about forgiving others and showing grace. Discuss with each other how you are doing with this one. Discuss any long-standing grudges you may still have.
- Discuss how you are doing with Bold & Unashamed of your faith. Are there times you struggle with being Bold & Unashamed? Do you hold your faith close to the vest to avoid conflict or rejection?

Pray for each other that God will help you in these areas and any other areas you may be struggling in.