



Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes

Sunday, October 18th, 2015

In **The Sermon on the Mount** we are discovering that Jesus is leveraging His authority and revealing what life should look like for anyone who calls Jesus, Savior, Lord and King.

What makes a blessed life? Is that different than a happy life, or a good life?

Together as a group, read **Matthew 5:1-12**. The Beatitudes are **pronouncements, not possibilities**. They are celebratory declarations of what the new kingdom would look like.

Are there any specific “beatitudes” that are compelling to you right now?

Can you identify any intentional sequence in the biblical text?

Jesus is addressing our **character** and not our competence and not our ability to keep his commands. He’s interested in what is on the inside of our hearts, not the actions.

Why do you believe Jesus addresses the character of who we are right at the beginning of his message on how to live a blessed life?

We can only embrace the **blessed life** when we allow Jesus to transform the inner heart and not just the outward behavior. **A blessed life is only possible through new life.**

In what areas have you tried to change your behavior before changing your heart?

Why are we so tempted to adjust our outward behavior and ignore our inner hearts?

How do you begin to open your life to this process of inward change?

The reality of feeling “**not good enough**” is something we all share and we all need reminding that it’s our heart that Jesus is really wanting surrendered to Him.

As a group, take time to pray for each other.