

October 11, 2020

Matthew 5:6-12

Matthew: Following the King of Kings
"The Beatitudes 2"

INTRODUCTION

1. THE MERCIFUL

2. THE PURE IN HEART

3. THE PEACEMAKERS

4. THE PERSECUTED

Questions for personal meditation and study

1. Read through the beatitudes and see if you can summarize what they say in your own words. Discuss that in group.
2. Pastor has been saying that these character traits are really the result of work that God does in us; that we put our effort and work into number 4, "*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.*" What do you think? What work is God doing here and what work do we do?
3. Read Isaiah 6. Where do you see the idea of "poor in spirit?" Where do you see the idea of godly sorrow or "mourning?" Where do you see the characteristic of "meekness?" So is turning to God something that we do or that God irresistibly draws us to?
4. Read John 6:44. How does this relate to the beatitudes, to "poor in spirit" and "mourning" in particular?
5. In what ways can we be "merciful" in our relationships with others?
6. How does being "pure in heart" affect our relationships?
7. What is being a "peacemaker?" How does it affect our relationships?