



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Summer on the Mount | The Beatitudes

Last Week

How did you apply last week's lesson on Expansive Missiology? Who did you share the lesson with?

Opener

If you were describing characteristics of your family, what would you say?

Questions

Can you share a story of someone who has exhibited one of the beatitudes that left an impression on you?

Why do you think Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount with The Beatitudes?

When you think of the church today, would you use the beatitudes as a description? Are there beatitudes that you believe we can all get better at?

How would you describe how to know someone has led a good life? Is it a struggle to live a good life according to Jesus's definition?

Of all the beatitudes, which one(s) would you say those around you would use to describe you?

Scripture Discovery

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Matthew 5:3-12 (NLT)

3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. 4 God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. 6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. 7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. 9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. 10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. 11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. 12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray