

BLESSINGS

May 12, 2024

MESSAGE RECAP

This week we uncover the Beatitudes and discover the counterintuitive blessings of living in alignment with the Kingdom ethic, finding true fulfillment in unexpected places.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read [Matthew 5:3-12](#). Which blessing stands out to you most?
2. How does your understanding of being "blessed" change after examining Jesus' Beatitudes compared to the common notion of blessing in modern culture?
3. In what specific areas of your life do you struggle to maintain a posture of humility before God, as described in the first beatitude (blessed are the poor in spirit)? How might you cultivate a deeper sense of spiritual poverty in those areas?
4. Consider a time when you struggled with being honest with yourself about your faults or weaknesses. How did this impact your relationship with God and others? How can you grow in humility and authenticity?
5. Think of a time when you showed kindness to someone who didn't deserve it. How did it make you feel?
6. Have you ever faced difficulties or criticism because of your beliefs? How did you handle it?
7. Read [Matthew 23:25-28](#). What does Jesus mean by whitewashed tombs? Why is this so frustrating to him, and how do we guard against it ourselves?

PRAY