

Sermon on the Mount (The Beatitudes)

Matthew 5:1-12

Cambridge Dictionary defines *beatitude* as "complete happiness that comes from being blessed or made holy by God."

- 1. We need a new way to see the _____.**
- 2. We need a new way to see the _____.**
- 3. We need a new way to see out _____.**

Personal and Mid-Week Study:

Matthew 5:1-2

Why do so many significant moments in Jesus' ministry happen on a mountain?

Matthew 5:3-4; Isaiah 66:1-2

What does "poor in spirit" mean?

What are people mourning?

Spiritual poverty; depravity of man; lostness

Matthew 5:5-6

How do we posture ourselves in mourning?

If we are humble and not arrogant, what do we want?

Matthew 5:7-12

If all of these things are true, what is our response?

What does it mean to be pure in heart?

For Further Consideration and Application:

How do these beatitudes relate specifically to Jesus' earthly ministry?

The beatitudes are not a buffet in which we pick and choose which blessings we pursue. With that in mind, which of these "blessed" qualities do you need to grow in?

Prayer Point:

Pray that you would recognize your own spiritual poverty. Pray that we would hunger and thirst for righteousness. Pray that we would respond rightly to God's grace.