



Week #1:

## The Beatitudes: Part One

Matthew 5:1-6

Oct. 13, 2019

NOTES

We're starting a new series this morning on the Sermon on the Mount, studying Matthew 5-7. As news about Jesus spread and the crowds around Him grew, Jesus went up a mountain, sat down, and began to teach His disciples what it means to repent and to belong to the kingdom of heaven. This *sermon*, we're going to see, is really a description of the lifestyle of a citizen of God's kingdom. And my prayer for this study is that you'll be inspired by the vision set before us here of what the Lord intends our lives to become.

### A. The Big Picture:

*Why does Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount?*

### B. The Beatitudes:

*In the beatitudes, Jesus is pointing out what God's Word tells us is the blessed life. In other words, He's describing blessings that belong to those who know Jesus as Saviour and Lord.*

*"Blessed" are...*

1. *The poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom (v. 3)*
2. *Those who mourn, for they will be comforted (v.4)*
3. *The meek, for they will inherit the earth (v. 5)*
4. *Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (v. 6)*

# Study Guide



## Reflect + Discuss + Apply

1. Who is the Sermon on the Mount specifically preached to? What does this tell us about who this sermon is primarily for?
2. Read Matthew 4:17-25. What is the *"gospel of the kingdom"* (v. 23)? What does the *"gospel of the kingdom"* have to do with the Sermon on the Mount?
3. What does it mean to say that Jesus is our King?
4. What does the world think will make a person happy? Does it? What makes you happy?
5. What does it mean to be *"blessed"*?
6. What does it mean to be *"poor in spirit"*? What's the opposite of being *"poor in spirit"*?
7. What kind of *"mourning"* is being spoken about in verse 4? What is the opposite of mourning? Does the promise of comfort mean that our sorrow is removed?
8. Describe someone who is *"meek"*. Can you think of any *"meek"* people in the Bible? Would you consider yourself a *"meek"* person?
9. What does it mean to *"hunger and thirst for righteousness"*? What will characterize a person's life if they are hungering and thirsting for righteousness?
10. REFLECT: What are you hungry for? Do you seek power, praise, possessions, pleasure, or righteousness?