



Life Group Curriculum

All of the material in this guide is provided for fostering healthy discussion in your group. Discuss the questions out loud and hold each other accountable to Scripture memorization each week.

Week of March 1, 2020



What God Rewards

Matthew 5:2-12

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Scripture Memorization: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* – Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Random Question: If you could live in any sitcom, which one would it be?**
{This is just an icebreaker to help people feel comfortable talking.}
- 2. Read verses 2-6. What stands out?**
{You could take time and walk through the meaning of each part of each verse. There's a lot to understand and cover here.}

What does verse 3 mean?

{What does it mean to be poor in spirit? What does it mean to inherit the kingdom of heaven?}

- 3. Read verses 7-10. What stands out?**
{You could take time and walk through the meaning of each part of each verse. There's a lot to understand and cover here.}

Why are peacemakers called sons of God?

{Only those who are saved by Jesus can be called children. This should point us towards Jesus' role as making peace between God and His creation. As his people make peace with others, we are reflecting that image of the gospel and that nature of God.}

4. **Read verses 11-12. What stands out?**
{Possibly the repetition of, "And my people shall never again be put to shame."}

How does this passage instruct us to feel and think about persecution?
{How can we prepare to react in this way to persecution? Notice that Jesus points towards our hope of heaven, but also points us back at the example we have.}
5. **How would you describe the main idea of the Beatitudes?**
{See if your group can summarize the goal of the Beatitudes in one sentence.}
6. **Can you see a connection to the Gospel in this passage?**
{The connections to pity, or not fearing, or joy are obvious.}
7. **Did you have a Gospel conversation with someone in the last seven days? Will you commit to doing so (again) in the next seven days?**
{Don't skip this. By asking, we want to continue creating that expectation and accountability.}
8. **How can we pray for you?**
{Save time to go around the room. This is important.}

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