

Blessed Are...(Part 1)
Matthew 5:1-5
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Growth Group Questions

1. What has your experience been like in the past with the Sermon on the Mt.?
2. Who is Jesus' primary audience according to verse 1? Why is this important to remember as we approach this series?
3. What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Why is this an appropriate way to begin the Sermon on the Mt.?
4. What type of mourning is praised in the Beatitudes? How is mourning connected to being poor in spirit?
5. What does it mean to be meek? What are some misconceptions about meekness?

6. Which of these Beatitudes do you struggle with the most? Why?

7. What do these first 3 Beatitudes have in common?

Next Week: Matt. 5:6-12

Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”