

**Sermon on the Mount – Week 2**

***Who is Blessed?***

Matthew 5:3-12

**I. Some general questions**

- a. What are the Beatitudes?
  
- b. How many Beatitudes are there?
  
- c. What does Jesus mean by “blessed”?
  
- d. Is this blessedness present, future, or both?

**II. Blessed are the poor in Spirit**

**III. Blessed are those who mourn**

**IV. Blessed are the gentle/meek**

**V. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**

**VI. Blessed are the merciful**

**VII. Blessed are the pure in heart**

**VIII. Blessed are the peacemakers**

**IX. Blessed are the persecuted**

**Time to marinate....**

- 1) Which quality stands out to you the most and why?
- 2) In your opinion, which quality seems most at odds with secular/worldly values?
- 3) Why is it so important to understand that these are qualities Jesus celebrates rather than conditions He demands? What would be our fate if it were up to us to achieve these qualities on our own, apart from the supernatural work of God's indwelling Spirit?
- 4) While these are not conditions we must meet in our own strength (praise God!), they certainly do expose ways in which we fail to express these qualities in our day-to-day lives. What sinful attitudes have these words exposed in your own heart and how will you respond?

