

Beyond Sunday Sermon Study Series

Engage

Share about a time in life when you've experienced mourning. What were some of the questions that emerged for you during this time?

Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon

Learn

Read Matthew 5:3-10

- 1. This week we key in on verse 4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." What results in mourning for people? What do you mourn over?
- 2. What do you think Jesus means when he says, "Blessed are those who mourn?" Do you think he has something specific in mind that his people mourn over?
- 3. How does God comfort those who mourn? Are there any scriptures that come to mind for you?

Deepen

Jesus, I believe, is describing those who mourn over the loss of God's good creation — who mourn over sin and the brokenness it causes. With this in mind, take a moment to be quiet and make a list of all the things you've experienced because of "brokenness" in yourself, your relationships, and this world. When you are done, share your thoughts with the group.

How do you think being Poor In Spirit helps us mourn? What connection do you think there is between the first and second Beatitudes?

Live

Read 2 Corinthians 2:3-4. Discuss how you can take the comfort you've received from God and be a comfort to others? Who is the one person that God has put on your heart to comfort today? How will you do it tomorrow?

Pray over the list that your group made in the "Deepen" section. Bring one another's mourning before God and ask for his comfort. Jesus is present in this moment!