Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014

**“More Blessings In Disguise”**

*Matthew 5:7-12*

 Introduction

* *Can you recognize a blessing in disguise?*

Jesus’ Blessings In Disguise (aka “Beatitudes”)

1. Who’s bless-able?
2. Living Into God’s Blessing

**#5** *“Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

  *for they will be shown .”*

**#6** *“Blessed are the in ,*

*for they will see God.”*

 **#7** *“Blessed are the ,*

*for they will be called children of God.”*

**#8** *“Blessed are those who are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*because of righteousness,*

*for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Application Points

1. Remember “the gospel” of the beatitudes…
2. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ of the beatitudes as you live into God’s blessed way.

January – April 2014 Series & Resources

1. **Why the *“Sermon on The Mount” (SOM)*?**

*“The Sermon on the Mount is the most brilliantly-conceived, ethically-demanding homily ever spoken. Its form is exquisite, its language simple. Its content is a gospel for a new people, a description of the lifestyle that following Jesus makes possible. No other biblical text has caught the fancy of so many world thinkers or been more prominent in the life of the church.”*

 The early Anabaptists emphasized Jesus as the prime example for the Christian life, especially his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Their commitment to *follow in his footsteps* was reflected in their emphasis on Christians as ***disciples*** rather than just believers. I believe the SOM is timely in that it addresses a number of important “hot topics” (ch.5), core spiritual disciplines (ch.6), and concludes with a clear call to the narrow road that leads to life by building our lives on Jesus words and way (ch.7).

1. **Recommended Resources**
2. *1*A Gospel For a New People by Herb Kopp
* Each chapter of the commentary includes both “application teaching points” and “personal reflection questions” that can be used for small group discussion
1. The Message of the SOM by John R.W. Stott
* Available in our church library
1. The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard
* There are six videos (25 min each) available through our church’s access to RightNowMedia.org2 <https://www.rightnow.org/Media/Series/2217>

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