



Beyond Sunday

Sermon Bible Study Series

Engage

When someone says “Heaven on Earth,” what do you think of?

What do you think heaven on earth looks like? Make a list, be specific.

Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon

Learn

Read Matthew 5:1-12

1. *How does Jesus’ description of a “blessed” person differ from our world’s description of a blessed person? In what sense do you think the people Jesus describes are “blessed”?*
2. *Make a list each of the 8 Beatitudes and give a short description of someone you know that embodies that characteristic. Share with your group. Could one person ever embody all of these?*
3. *As you read through these Beatitudes, which one strikes you as significant? Share with the group what it means to you?*

Deepen

The qualities that Jesus blesses in the Beatitudes are a description of what it looks like when Heaven invades Earth. They are qualities that arise when people allow the Gospel of Jesus to invade their life.

Which of these Beatitudes do you see growing in your own life? What about your small group? Or our church?

The Beatitudes set us right side up in an upside down world. Jesus describes what life is like according to God’s design for us. What areas of your own life (attitudes, actions, thoughts, pursuits) does God want to set you right-side-up in?

How might living this Beatitude life be a witness to people who don’t know Jesus? If we were to live this way, what would they learn about God? Give specific examples.

Live

What one Beatitude do you feel God wants to grow in you during this season of your life? Why? How might you allow Jesus to invade, permeate, and transform you in this area?

Once everyone has shared, pray into what people have said. Ask God to grow these things in each person; pray for God’s Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.