



**Sermon Series: Dr. Mike McNeff
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What this message is about:

As he begins his sermon, Jesus describes a person living a Kingdom of Heaven life and, thus, one who is blessed from a Kingdom of Heaven perspective.

Purpose of this message:

To show that the “beatitudes” are the expected results of one who follows Christ. From God’s perspective this person is living the “good life.”

1. Defining the term “blessed.” Happy because of the _____ of God

2. The big picture of the “Beatitudes.”

- a. Jesus expects us to _____.
- b. Jesus expects that we will demonstrate _____ of these traits
- c. None of these traits are _____ to us.
- d. Living these traits make us look _____ to the culture and world around us.
- e. There is a _____ to these traits.
- f. Each trait has a corresponding _____

3. The “Beatitudes” up close

- a. Poor in spirit = _____ before God. (Mt. 4:17)
- b. Those who mourn = _____ by sin. Both personal and general. (Rom. 7:24, Luke 19:41)
- c. Those who are meek = One who has given up _____. One who is truly _____ (Phil. 2:4-11)
- d. Hunger and thirsts for righteousness = _____ desire to _____ God. (Ps. 42:1)
- e. Merciful = Active to relieve _____. Not _____ (Mt.18:21-35)
- f. Pure in heart = _____ love for God. (Ps. 86:11)
- g. Peacemakers = Given up _____ for _____ (James 1:19)
- h. Persecuted for righteousness = Hated for being _____ (Luke 21:7).

Next Step:

If it is true that the “Beatitudes” are sequential, where have you gotten stuck? This week do a self-inventory and ask Jesus to help you remove the barriers to your spiritual progress.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Read Mt. 5:1-12. Where does God stop you**
- 2 Discuss how you see sequence in the beatitudes.**
- 3 Discuss the corresponding promise with each beatitude. How is each promise a result of the trait?**
- 4 How has this message helped you to have a better understanding of this Scripture passage?**

Prayer

- The Wednesday Food distribution that happens at Magnolia. This now includes prayer for people who request it.
- That we would leverage our contacts with a plan to make disciples.
- That God would give you and/or your group stories to share with the church family on Sunday mornings as you interact with those in your life who need to put their faith in Christ.
- Those who have lost loved ones.