

LISTENING GUIDE

Matthew 5:1-12 – God Has Blessed You

1. Sometimes we view the Bible and Christianity as God's _____, but it's not.
2. If it was, we'd be in trouble, because the magnificent creation God has designed us to be is totally corrupted by _____.
3. The "Beatitudes" are truly a _____ of what God _____ us to be in Christ.
4. They are the _____ vision for our lives as blessed: "to be the _____ recipient of divine _____."
5. I am _____ because God chose me in _____.
6. God's blessing moves us to _____ over our sin, and cherish the _____ of Jesus' forgiveness.
7. God's blessing moves us to pursue _____.
8. The new vision in Jesus is that the gospel become _____ in our lives.

LIFEGROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

COMPLETE THESE QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP.
BRING THIS SHEET AND A BIBLE WITH YOU TO YOUR LIFE GROUP.



WARM UP

Pastor's introduction included examples of reward-based systems. Share an example of such a system you have observed or experienced, whether in a classroom, at work, or otherwise.

QUICK REVIEW

What did you find particularly insightful, helpful, or challenging in this week's message?

INTO GOD'S WORD AND INTO MY LIFE

Pastor covered two of the Beatitudes in the sermon message. As you look at the following verses from Matthew 5, think of how you would explain them in your own words. Answer the following for each one:

1. Explain the description of those who are blessed. (I.e. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit, meek, etc.")?
2. How does our sinful nature inhibit us from this?
3. What will this blessing look like when the gospel is *explicit* in our lives?

Verse 3 - Blessed are the poor in spirit...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Verse 5 - Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

1.

2.

3.

Verse 7 - Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

1.

2.

3.

Verse 8 - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

1.

2.

3.

Verse 9 - Blessed are the peacemakers...

1.

2.

3.

Which of these beatitudes would you like to pursue with a special focus in the weeks to come?

How can your Life Group pray for you in connection to that goal?

SHARING & PRAYER

Your prayer requests:

