

The Sermon on the Mount:
The Beatitudes
Matthew 5:1-12

Lesson Two

Observation: Please read **Matthew 5:6-8**

Introduction: The word "Beatitudes" is taken from the Latin word "beatus" which means "blessed" or "happy". Thus, the Beatitudes are blessings from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Each one represents a blessing or divine favor bestowed upon God's people who possess a certain character quality.

Questions for Consideration:

- In an hour where sin seems to dominate and righteousness seems unpopular, how does Jesus' promise to fill those that still hunger and thirst for it provide hope? (v. 6)
- We know that the law of reaping and sowing is Biblical and true, how does this law look through the eyes of mercy? (v. 7)
- Define what it means to be "pure in heart". (v. 8)

Personal Exploration:

- As light in a dark world, how do you motivate yourself as a Christian to stay hungry and thirsty for righteousness?

Inspiration:

Please take the time to reflect and journal how God faithfulness has been evident in your life as you extended mercy to others.

