



Growth Tracks #3 Live Radically

The term “Beatitude” comes from the Latin word meaning “happy” or “blessed.” “Blessed” which is used in each of the beatitudes, is a very special word used of how God sees a person.

Through these 8 Beatitudes, Jesus teaches the _____ and _____ in life that will result in blessings and rewards applicable to all Christians.

Read Matthew 5:1-10.

1. Poor In Spirit

“The poor in spirit” are those who acknowledge their own _____ and _____ on God's power.

Jesus says, you are “blessed” – because Jesus says, **“theirs is the kingdom of God”**, meaning God will _____ in your life.

2. Those Who Mourn

The Greek word for to mourn, used here, is the strongest word for mourning in the Greek language... It is defined as the kind of grief which takes such a hold that it cannot be hidden.

In surprising ways, suffering makes room in your spirit for you to know and experience the blessing of God’s _____ and _____. Without suffering, you simply can’t know His comfort.

In mourning, you experience the blessing of God’s presence.

3. The Meek

Meek is a rather difficult word to translate but it has the idea of _____ and _____, both of which are fruit of the Spirit.

“Inherit the earth” means _____.

4. Those Who Hunger

Hunger and thirsting are _____ and when you nibble, you’re not as hungry to be right with God and seeing right done for others in the community. That’s what righteousness means here – to be right with _____ and seeing right done for _____ where there is a wrong. Doing justice is a part of this beatitude.

5. The Merciful

The Greek word for mercy (Eleeo) means to be _____ and _____ toward those who are suffering or afflicted.

6. The Pure In Heart

Pure in heart means you’re living the blessed life when you stop _____ about the externals of life knowing that it what’s inside of you that _____.

“they will see God” - With the lens of their heart, they see in faith God for who He really is and then one day experience an incredible vision of Him in _____.

7. The Peacemakers

A peacemaker is one who discovers the origin of the conflict, finds a way to resolve it, and helps the parties to restore a proper, relationship. This applies to individuals or nations. They actually “_____” or “_____” peace.

Jesus’ primary role when He came to this earth was to be a _____.

8. The Persecuted

This beatitude deals with those who are persecuted, not for their own wrongdoings, but for righteousness' sake or as He says in verse 11, “because of me”.

Group Discussion:

Look back at each of these beatitudes.

Which one do you most relate to and why?

Which one do you struggle with?

Discuss your thoughts with your group and spend time in prayer for each other.