

# Take It Home

## Applying the Preached Word



### Jesus Expects the Unexpected

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### Text

Matthew 5:2-12

### Main Point

The Beatitudes are the defining characteristics of a disciple of Christ

### Key Ideas

1. To be *blessed* means to live with an awareness of God's approval
2. To be *poor in Spirit* means to realize our spiritual account is empty
3. To be *poor in Spirit* is to rely only on God for every spiritual blessing

### Fellowship Starters

#### Loving God – Application to stir our love for Christ

4. Read Matthew 5:2-12
5. How does Jesus fulfill the first Beatitude (vs. 3) for our salvation? Consider Philippians 2:5-11. How does that comfort you?

#### Growing Together – Application to stir our obedience to Christ

6. How do you *really* feel about yourself when you come to God? Do you try to commend yourself to God or acknowledge your spiritual accounts are always empty?
7. Take time to pray through this Beatitude - use vs. 3 as a time of confession and petition for God to make us more like Christ.

#### Sharing Christ – Application to stir our witness for Christ

8. Share with a friend how vs. 3 leads them to the salvation Jesus brings.