

Jesus Expects the Unexpected (Part 2)

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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 *mourn* means to be sorrowful over the things God is sorrowful about
3. To be *comforted* is to receive forgiveness of one's sins and the gift of Holy Spirit

Quote

"The saddest thing in life is not a sorrowing heart, but a heart that is incapable of grief over sin, for it is without grace. Without poverty of spirit no one enters the Kingdom of God. Likewise, without grief over sin, no one receives the comfort of forgiveness and salvation." - R. Kent Hughes

Fellowship Starters

Loving God – Application to stir our love for Christ

4. Read Matthew 5:2-12
5. How is the second beatitude ultimately fulfilled in Jesus (vs. 4)? How was He deeply grieved by sin in our world for our salvation? Read Isaiah 53:3 and consider.

Growing Together – Application to stir our obedience to Christ

6. How do you *really* feel about sin in your life?
7. Does your mourning for sin lead you to Christ? Explain
8. Which spiritual comfort do you desire more of - the forgiveness of your sin or the companionship of the Holy Spirit?
9. Take time to pray through this Beatitude - use vs. 4 as a time of confession and petition for God to make us more like Christ.

Sharing Christ – Application to stir our witness for Christ

10. Share with a friend how vs. 4 leads them to the salvation Jesus brings.