

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text:

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Sermon Notes:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 11

- Matthew 19
- Matthew 20
- Matthew 21
- Luke 18:15-43
- Luke 19:1-48
- Mark 11
- Mark 12

Week 3 Day 1

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Questions for Reflection:

This passage is the beginning of a section of Jesus' teaching commonly referred to as the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). These verses have many similarities to the passage we will consider next Sunday from Luke 6, which is called the "Sermon on the Plain."

Both Matthew 5 and Luke 6 contain statements called "beatitudes"—or statements that begin with, "Blessed are..."

The ESV Study Bible explains: "Beatitudes are not conditions for entering the Kingdom of God but blessings pronounced on those who have already entered."

How does knowing this affect your understanding of Matthew 5: 1-12?

Matthew recorded nine statements here that begin with the word "blessed." What is the meaning of this word from a biblical context? (Hint: What does a Greek Lexicon or an Expository Bible Dictionary tell us about this word?)

Week 3 Day 2

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:3-7

Questions for Reflection:

In each of these beatitudes, Jesus started by describing the attitude an individual should seek to have and then shared the gift that is received from God as a result.

For each of these verses from Matthew 5, what is the attitude that Jesus is challenging us to have and how is the individual "blessed" as a result?

A = ATTITUDE

B- BLESSING

Verse 3 A:

B:

Verse 4 A:

B:

Verse 5 A:

B:

Verse 6 A:

B:

Verse 7 A:

B:

Week 3 Day 3

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:3-12

Questions for Reflection:

What is the attitude and blessing in each of the following beatitudes?

Verse 8 A:

B:

Verse 9 A:

B:

Verse 10 A:

B:

Verse 11 A:

B:

Both in verse 3 and 10, Jesus used the phrase "for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven? What does this mean?"

Read Matthew 5:10-12 again. Is it easy or difficult to consider yourself blessed in these circumstances? Explain.