



Community Group Study Guide

Week of: May 19, 2024 Given by: Gina Cherian
Topic: The Beatitudes Passage(s): Matthew 5: 1-10
Introduction to Lesson: In the greatest sermon ever given, Jesus challenges us to Follow Him.
Ice Breaker: Describe your ideas and dreams of the “Good Life”.

Passage	Jesus Says:	Culture Says:
v.3-Poor in Spirit	Not good enough on your own	You can take care of yourself
v.4-Mourn	We will face grief, loss, sorrow	You deserve to live without a worry
v.5-Meek	Admit your own flaw, be humble	You’ve got it all together; or fake it
v.6-Righteousness	Prioritize God and others	Be ambitious and achieve it all
v.7-Merciful	Forgive; show compassion	Don’t be weak; show no mercy
v.8-Pure hearted	Sincere; authentic; don’t pretend	Don’t let down your guard
v.9-Peacemakers	Seek reconciliation, even when hard	Win at all costs; come out on top
v.10-Reviled	Be ready to be disliked, persecuted	Don’t rock the boat; just fit in

Discussion/ Application:

- When in Jesus’ ministry, did he give the Sermon on the Mount? Who was there?
- What do you think was the purpose of this sermon? Then? Now?
- Take a few minutes and score each beatitude for whether you lean more toward Jesus’ or culture’s standard.
- Talk about which one(s) are easier for you to follow.
- Talk about which one(s) are harder for you. Why?
- Is following Jesus, and meeting the standards of the beatitudes, something we can achieve on our own? Should we just try harder?
- If not, what do we need to do to follow him?
- Describe what the “Good Life” looks like for a follower of Christ.

Reflection and Prayer:

Pick one of the Beatitudes that needs some extra effort. Write it down and memorize it this week.

List some specific ways you need to “turn off” what culture has been trying to tell you.

Commit to some specific prayer requests for what you need to grow stronger in following Jesus.

Being a Christ Follower is hard; we need each other. Are you spending enough time in fellowship with others who share your desire to follow Jesus? How can you be an encouragement to others?

