

BLESSINGS FOR DISCIPLES Matt.5:1-12 *Live w/ Jesus Everyday* 2-12-17

Matthew already places Jesus in 3 Old Testament events.

Jesus was trending w/ the crowds b/c of his healing ministry!

His teaching is his main focus for us to get into his Kingdom story.

-New community for a new creation ... where blessings flow!

1. GRACE FOR THE NEEDY **Knees**

***Feel The Need for God**

~ Empty ... Heart-broke ... Humbled ... Long for the Right

~ Jesus **feels** our need w/ us. Jesus **stands** w/ the needy ...w/ Us!

*** Jesus Blesses Broken People!**

~ Jesus re-creates us w/ Blessings & brings us back to God!

~ Jesus changes our emptiness to FULL!

Stay poor = depend on me → Then you will stay Strong in God!

2. LOVE FOR HELPING **Hands**

*** Serve The Community** with grace you received in Jesus!

~ **Mercy** - Blesses to lead w/ compassion

~ **Purity** - Blesses our **CORE** to be centered on God!

~ **Peace** - Blesses us to be Reconcilers who bring Community

*** Live in Fullness of Jesus**

3. HOPE FOR HURTING **Back**

*** Hurt B/c You Help Jesus**

~ This Kingdom **so Real** & future **so Sure** we joyfully live w/ HOPE.

*** Secure In Jesus, our Great Reward**

~ **Aerobics:** Receive Grace > Love flows out > Hope secure in Jesus!

See page 2 for more story & reflections on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

Matthew 5:13-16 Blessing: We Are Salt & Light

1. Salt is meant to penetrate in order to preserve, purify & flavor. How do you get out of the saltshaker & into your world? If not, why? (v.13b)
2. Light is meant to shine into darkness & give light to people. How are you letting your light shine for Jesus in your relationships?

Matthew 5:17-20 Command for Righteousness, not Keeping Rules

1. Jesus blesses our desire for right living & then commands us to obey him perfectly. How does this comfort & motivate you?

Matthew 5:21-26 Command for Mercy, not Murder

1. Jesus blesses us with mercy & then commands us to show it. How do you show mercy instead of anger? Instead of calling a person "crazy"?
2. Is there someone with whom you need to show mercy & reconcile?

Matthew 5:27-32 Command for Purity & Faithfulness, not Impurity

1. Jesus blesses us to be pure in our relationships, & then commands us not to so much as look lustfully at anyone.
How can we best guard against being ruled by our desires?
2. How can we protect our marriages against divorce?

Matthew 5:33-37 Command for Truthfulness, not Deception

1. Jesus blesses us in making peace & then commands us to promote peace by always telling the truth. How does truth promote peace?
2. When are we likely to not tell the truth? How can we encourage honesty?

Matthew 5:38-42 Command for Peacemaking, not Revenge

1. Jesus blesses us in making peace & then commands us to give instead of getting even. Why is it hard to be kind when you want to get even?

Matthew 5:43-48 Command for Love of Enemies, not Hate

1. Jesus blesses us in making peace & then commands us to love our enemies. How are you maturing by praying for people you don't like?