



Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - Matthew (Part I)

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Curt started our new series through the New Testament, XXVII. The book of Matthew contains Jesus' most famous sermon, The Sermon on the Mount, which opens up with The Beatitudes. We walked through the first half of The Beatitudes together and learned that this passage of Scripture is one of the most misunderstood portions of Scripture in the entire Bible! Let's dig deeper and see how we can make it practical in our lives...

Blessed = “Makariori”
“so full of peace that it flows out of you.”

Make It Practical: Blessed are you...

1. When you realize you are spiritually bankrupt.
 - o Matthew 5:3 - “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (ESV)
 - o When we come to the end of our spiritual rope, Christ offers us his hand.
2. When you begin to mourn your sin because of your separation from God.
 - o Matthew 5:4 - “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.” (ESV)
 - o We need to have true repentance to experience breakthrough.
3. When you hand over the reins of your life to God.
 - o Matthew 5:5 - “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” (ESV)
 - o Meek = “bit bridled horse.”
4. Who are deeply involved in a relationship with Jesus.
 - o Matthew 5:6 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.” (ESV)
 - o Blessed are you as you hunger and thirst for that relationship by taking next steps in your relationship with Jesus Christ!

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- Which of these four “blessed are you” statements do you relate most to in your current season of life? When is a time you experienced another “blessed are you” statement?
- What next step do you need to take in your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord,
and our heart is restless until it rests in You.”**

-ST. AUGUSTINE

Prayer

Father, thank You that in our weakness, You are our strength. Our help comes from You alone. Holy Spirit, lead us to surrender the reins of our lives to Your guidance. Your plans are better than our plans. Your ways are better than our ways. Reveal to us the next steps You have for us in our relationship with You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Take time to encourage Group Members to take their Next Step. Have they accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior? Are they ready for baptism? Have they attended Growth Track? Are they a part of a Serve Team? What Next Step does God have for them?