BLESSED ARE THE SATISFIED

Matthew Chapter 5.1-8

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- Matthew 5-7 is the longest running discourse of Christ.
- It's the first discourse of 5. Each discourse is preceded by narrative.
- Proclamation and Demonstration

People from all over came to hear Jesus. Keep in mind, He came from a small town of no more than between 200 and 500 people. They would be fishermen and shepherds, uneducated and illiterate. They were mostly poor and oppressed, in some way, by their government and by culture.

THE BEATITUDES

Matthew 5.1-8

The Beatitudes are not just simply the "rules" by which you enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but they are the promises give to those who are going to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Beatitudes give us another picture of an already/not yet Kingdom reality. These are all futures hopes and promises that will one day be for those who are "poor in spirit," i.e. those who have put their trust in Christ ("not yet"); and yet we also know that in a partial sense, we will get to see some of this fulfilled in our lifetime as our live are more and more conformed to the image of Christ ("already").

TOTAL SATISFACTION

The only total satisfaction comes from seeing God.

John 6.27-37 // Colossians 1.15-20 // Revelation 21.1-7

It is God alone who is able to totally satisfy our every desire. Every other object, gift, blessing, or idol will fail us and make us pay. But we are far too easily pleased with less, and we settle for lesser things and ultimately, lesser satisfaction.

God is most glorified when you are most satisfied in Him.

-John Piper



Recommended Resources

The Gospel Transformation Bible

NOTES:

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green Connection Card on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a Green Shirt at the Connection Booth outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're an essential part of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the most fun & rewarding ways we experience community with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **forge friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much for your love & support!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for newborns - 6th grade & is passionately overseen by Audra Napolitano. Please Visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (7th & 8th graders) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **hbarnes5@yahoo.com** or **John Hawthorne** at **hawthorne-john@hotmail.com**

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read Matthew 4:25-5:12 . What verses stuck out or what most impactful from the message on Sunday?
At first glance, it appears that Jesus is teaching that if you do these things, then you'll get a ticket to heaven. Instead, in verses 3-12 Jesus is saying that these are promised <i>blessings</i> of the Kingdom, not <i>keys</i> to the Kingdom. Before digging deeper into the study it's important to note the difference between position and promise. It's because of your position In Christ that you are given the promised blessings. These promises don't gain you a position in the Kingdom, rather your position gives you access to the Kingdom promises. Read Ephesians 2:1-13 , and 1 Peter 2:10 . What was your position and what is your current position now In Christ?
Read Ephesians 2:4-9,13 , Hebrews 10:19 and Colossians 1:20 . How did you obtain access pass into the Kingdom? By doing good things or by something else?
Now that we have a solidified position in Christ by His blood we can discuss the blessings that follow. Some of these promised blessings are already happening in our lives and some have not yet come. What current blessings and future blessings are we promised in verses 3-10 ?
Verse 4 says "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." List some things that you run to for comfort. Then ask yourself, "where <i>should</i> I run for comfort? Who is my comfort?" Read Psalms 23:4, 71:21 and 21, and 119:76 . How will we eventually be comforted? Read Revelation 21:4 .
Verse 7 says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Explain how God has already shown you mercy in your life.
Verse 8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." How can we keep our way pure? Read Psalms 119:9 . Now ask, how can you keep yourself in God's Word daily?
The Kingdom is both present and future. Verse 9 says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Read Galatians 3:26. Have we already gotten a taste, glimpse or preview of this promise? Now read Romans 8:23. Explain how knowing that you are a son of God and that more blessing are to come makes you peaceful today.
How could knowing and being reminded that you have been shown mercy make you act merciful? Read Matthew 18:23-35 .

Pray as a group using the P.R.A.Y. model by first Preaching the Gospel to Yourself,

Repenting, Asking Him to help you believe these promised blessings, and Yielding

with thanks to Him for what He has already done and for what He is going to do.