

Words of the King: Matthew 5:1-12
Discussion Guide, October 18, 2020
Next week's text: Matthew 5:13-16

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. – 1 John 5:20

- Has anything from our study of 1 John been continually on your mind or been a continual work in progress for you?

OPEN:

- How familiar are you with the sermon on the mount?
 - o Do you have any sections memorized? If so, why do you think those sections are memorized?
- What do you know about the sermon on the mount?
 - o What do you think of it? How do you interact with it? In what way(s) do you find it to be practical to your life?

READ and ASK: Matthew 5:1-12

- Who was Jesus addressing this sermon to?
- In what ways does the opening to this sermon already show Jesus' teaching to be countercultural?
 - o Just from this passage, in what specific ways are Christians to look different than the world?
- What does it mean to be poor in spirit?
 - o What does it look like?
- What sort of mourning do you think Jesus is referring to? (Jesus can not mean all mourning).
- What does it mean to be meek?
 - o What does it look like?
- What does it mean to "hunger and thirst for righteousness"?
 - o What does it look like?
- What are some examples of showing mercy?

- What does it mean to be pure in heart?
- What does it mean to biblically be a peacemaker? Does this mean all conflict or disagreement is wrong?
- What do verses 10-12 say can be the result for doing the right thing?
 - o Why is this important to be reminded of?
- How would society's list of virtues differ from what Jesus lists here?

APPLY:

- The sermon on the mount is the words of our King to his people who have submitted to his authority. Why does that make this sermon so important to study in this season?
- Of the "rewards" or "promises" in this text, which ones mean most to you? Why?
- Of the beatitudes, which one needs your most immediate attention?
- How would your life look the same and different if you truly hungered and thirsted for righteousness?
 - o NEXT STEP: What steps do you need to take this week to practically hunger and thirst for righteousness this week?

Memory Work:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:3-10