

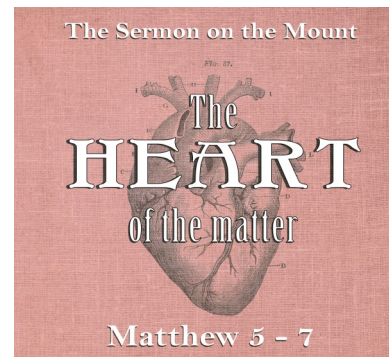
## The Heart of the Matter

13. What did you learn about the first three beatitudes?

14. Which of these beatitudes do you see most in your life? Which do you see least? Why is this?

15. How can these qualities be developed in your life?

## Praises and Prayer Requests



## Life Group Study Guide

#blessed  
Matthew 5:3-5

For the Week of April 18, 2021

### Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application caught your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. Define the meaning of "blessed". How are we a blessing to others? How does God bless us?
3. Read Matthew 5:3-11. These verses are known as "The Beatitudes." What is the purpose of these attitudes which we are to have? Why does Jesus start His sermon with them?
4. How are these attitudes developed in our lives? Which of them would the Pharisees reject? Why? What is Jesus' concern in "the Sermon on the Mount"?

## Digging Deeper

5. What are the first three beatitudes (5:3-5)? What are the promises associate with each of them? How do they build on one another?

6. The first quality that we are to possess as followers of Christ is being “poor in spirit” (5:3). Define being “poor in spirit”.

7. Why is being “poor in spirit” so foundational to all the other beatitudes (5:3)? Why did Jesus start His teaching on the kingdom of heaven with talking about being poor in spirit?

8. How are we poor (Rom. 3:9-12)? How do we live with the mindset that we are spiritually bankrupt (5:3)?

9. What does it mean to “mourn” (5:4)? How and why are we to mourn (Rom. 12:12)?

10. When have you mourned over your sinfulness (Matt. 5:4)? What are mourners promised? Who comforts us? How do they provide comfort?

11. Explain the meaning of being “meek” (5:5)? How is being meek misunderstood? Why is meekness not valued very highly in our society?

12. Why is meekness so important to us as believers (11:29; 21:5; 1 Peter 3:4)?