

The Heart of the Matter

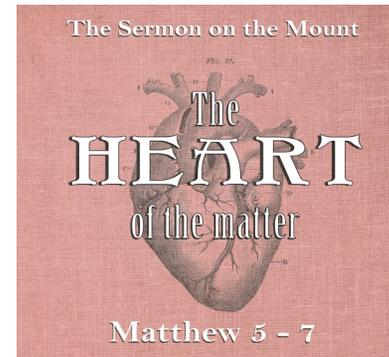
13. What have you learned from these three beatitudes?

14. Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself? Which one do you see the least?

15. Jesus is making statements in the beatitudes. Why is it important to not confuse justification and sanctification?

16. How will you respond to develop these kingdom characteristics in your life?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

A Heart for Others Matthew 5:7-9

For the Week of May 2, 2021

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application caught your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. Each beatitude is a statement and a promise. Why do you think Jesus used this format? (Matthew 5:3-9)
3. Kingdom is a theme of the Gospel of Matthew. How does the Gospel of the Kingdom relate to each of this week's beatitudes? (Matthew 5:7-9)
4. The first century Jewish person hearing this message had expectations of the Messiah. Do these beatitudes meet those expectations?

Digging Deeper

5. Mike discussed a thread weaving the beatitudes together; how do they relate and build upon each other? (Matthew 5:7-9)

6. Each beatitude has promises associated with them—how would you summarize what is promised?

7. These three beatitudes relate to our relationships with others. How do you relate mercy, pure in heart, and peacemaking to your relationships with others?

8. Mercy was described in three parables. Why is mercy so foundational to our faith? Which parable spoke to you the most? Why?

- Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- Wicked Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)
- Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)

9. Which beatitude do you find the hardest to relate to?

10. How do our motives relate to purity of heart?

11. Seeing God is promised to the pure in heart. How do we see God in the here and now?

12. What does being a peacemaker look like from Scripture? How would you define peace?