

Sermon Notes

Matthew 5-8: Disciples

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What does the #blessed life look like?

5:1-2 Instructing the Insiders, Astonishing the Outsiders

“Jesus spoke the Sermon to those who were already his disciples and thereby also citizens of God’s kingdom and children of God’s family. [By living his way] we give evidence of what – by God’s free grace and gift – we already are.” John Stott – The Sermon on the Mount

Family values...

“Your Father”: 5:16,45,48; 6:1,4,6(x2),8,9,14,15,18(x2),26,32; 7:11; “Our Father”: 6:9

5:3-10 Those who look least blessed are in fact most blessed

The kingdom belongs to those who know they don’t deserve it: “Those who are not poor in spirit can never have membership in the kingdom.” Leon Morris - Matthew

5:11-12 Rejoice when you’re blessed with persecution because you belong to Jesus

“They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.” Acts 5:40-41

Taking the truth deeper:

Where are we looking for our blessing – to the world we can see, or to the Kingdom of Heaven?

How are we doing at reflecting God’s family values – individually? Corporately?

What encouragement can we take from this passage if we are suffering for Jesus’ sake?