

Sunnyside Foursquare

Series: Kingdom Minded

Title: Blessed are the Rejected

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Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of **Me**. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Questions:

#1. What is your biggest take away from the Kingdom Minded Series (journey through the Sermon on the Mount)?

#2. How does Jesus use the Beatitudes, listed above (Matthew 5:3-10), to provide a sense of identity to His original listeners & to us today? Which Beatitude personally speaks to right now and why do you think that is?

Please read Matthew 5:13-16

#3. Jesus calls His people *Salt of the Earth* and the *Light of the World*. What was the significance of both to His original followers and how does that apply to us today? Pastor DJ likes to say, “*What good is salt if it never leaves the shaker?*” We have been encouraged to take a **prayer walk** by our church family. Did you know that? Is that something you have done? Why or why not?

Please also read Matthew 5:17-20

#4. Jesus here really emphasized the importance of us practicing what we preach! Why is that so important for us to remember, especially in today’s culture? Ultimately, we are called to be doers of the Word and not merely hearers, right?! (see **James 1:22-25**).

“Something that spoke to me this time through the Sermon on the Mount was that Jesus speaks identity to us which brings us purpose, while at the same time our purpose reminds us of our new identity in Him. To me this is simple, yet incredibly powerful and we must not forget the eternal connection of them both.” – Pastor DJ