

1. Intro/The Beatitudes: Entrance into Discipleship (5:1-16)

Sermon on the Mount

1. The Beatitudes (Blessings, 5:2-10) list eight descriptions of those who are blessed in the kingdom of God. Each beatitude shows the upside down kingdom, which is set in opposition to the common views and beliefs of the world about “blessing.” Fill in this chart, listing (1) the description of those blessed in the kingdom, (2) the promised reward of that blessing, and (3) the contrasting view of “blessings” that the world (“crowds”) believes. The first is done as an example. (Leaving verse 11 aside for now)

Verse	Kingdom View of Disciples	Promised Blessing	Opposite view of “crowds”
v.2	<i>Poor in spirit</i>	<i>Kingdom of heaven</i>	<i>Rich/prosperous</i>
v.3			
v.4			
v.5			
v.6			
v.7			
v.8			
v.9			
v.10			

* Go back and mark those “blessings” which are Future (F) and which are Present/Now (F)

2. 5:5 - DESIGN PATTERN!! If you have a reference column or footnotes, see if you can find the OT cross reference (read the context):

3. Why do you think Jesus begins his sermon with the Beatitudes before getting to the commandments? Would you agree that this list should prompt us to pause and consider this carefully before going any further with the commandments and following Jesus? Why?

4. Would you say that the beatitudes fit with the story of Jesus’ life? How so?

5. Would you say that the beatitudes fit with the story of your life? How so?

6. In 5:13-16, Jesus uses the metaphor of salt and light to describe his disciples.

(a) What is it that Jesus says makes salt useful / useless?

(b) What do you think makes a Christian useful / useless?

(c) What is it that makes a lamp useful / useless?

(d) What does Jesus say Christians should do to fulfill their purpose and who will benefit?