

Matthew Series “Blessings Upon Those That Help”
Matthew 5:7-9
March 13, 2022

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

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

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons[a] of God.

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

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you

“Need Beatitudes” and “Help Beatitudes.”

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“The merciful is he who has a sad heart; he counts others' misery as his own, and is as sad at their grief as at his own.”

Matthew 12:7

7 If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

The Good Samaritan.

Luke 10:36-37

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Matthew 6:12

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

“Being a merciful, forgiving, or loving person is not a condition for God’s grace, but it is a necessary consequence.”

Galatians 5:6

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

“...sticks to these two- namely, the Word of faith toward God, which purifies the heart, and the Word of understanding (love), which teaches him what he is to do toward his neighbor in his station - everything is pure for him, even if with his hands and the rest of his body he handles nothing but dirt.” - Martin Luther

The pure at heart are those that seek God among those that are needy.

The shalom makers.

The Kingdom of God is made up of those who live by faith and love.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- If you had to describe your faith, do you tend to think about in a vertical way, “unto God,” or more horizontal, “unto others?”
- Read Matthew 22:35-40. What are the two components to Jesus answer? Why are both loving and God and loving others essential in our faith?
- The Beatitudes in Matthew 5:6-8 speak to the blessedness of loving and caring for those around us. How have you experienced helping others as a way of connected with Christ and the Kingdom of God?
- Read Galatians 5:6. What does faith look like without love? What does love look like without faith?
- The “Blesseds” covered in this teaching are related to how we live with and care for others. Share a situation you are dealing with connected to others that is requiring compassion and a pure heart.
- How can your Grow Group help you live with and care for others better this week?