

## Sermon Scavenger Hunt

# Matthew 5:1-12

**T**hink about it...How would you define happiness? What is it that makes someone truly happy? Do you think blessed and happy mean the same thing? Why or why not?



**S**ermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!

1. The sermon on the mountain starts with 8 heart attitudes of a Christ follower. These are called the Beatitudes. Some people like to call them "beautiful attitudes" because these 8 characteristics teach a beautiful way to live that brings blessing. Read Matthew 5:1-12. Listen for 8 beautiful attitudes of the person who says he/she is a follower of Christ.
2. Blessed means more than happy. It is the joy and blessing that comes even when life isn't perfect. The world promotes a different version of attitudes that make people happy. What are some of the things our culture says will make us happy, but fail to do so?

3. Below you will find a chart describing each of the Beatitudes along with what could often be bad attitudes promoted in our culture.<sup>1</sup> For each beatitude, write down one way you could practice this beautiful attitude during the week ahead. The first one is completed for you as an example.

Beatitude...	Bad attitudes promoted by culture...	The Truth and the blessing...	One way to practice this beatitude...
<p>1</p> <p>"Blessed are those who are poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3</p>	<p>Do your own thing. Be your own person. Rely on yourself.</p>	<p>Being poor in spirit means we depend on God and his plan for our life. We humbly see our own sin, our inability to save ourselves, and our need for a Savior.</p> <p>The poor in spirit are part of God's people and his kingdom both now and in the future.</p>	<p>I will remember the ways I need to rely on Jesus instead of myself this week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For my salvation.</li> <li>2. For help with my schoolwork.</li> <li>3. For God's plan for my life during this global pandemic.</li> </ol>
<p>2</p> <p>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4</p>	<p>Don't get caught when doing something bad, after all nobody's perfect. Never admit you're wrong. Blame your sin on someone else.</p>	<p>To mourn is to feel sorry for our sin or sin's effects in the world. We ask God for forgiveness and turn away from the sinful action or thought.</p> <p>Jesus brings comfort to those who mourn and forgives those who confess their sin and put their trust in Him.</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5</p>	<p>You are entitled to have it. You deserve it. Be first. Help yourself to what you can get.</p>	<p>Meek people are humble and submit their strength to God's control. We live God's way even if it doesn't make us popular or powerful.</p> <p>Meek people are part of Jesus' kingdom on earth forever.</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6</p>	<p>Hunger after money, power, prestige, and popularity. Be tolerant of sinful behavior. You your desires are your first priority.</p>	<p>Make loving and pleasing God your first priority by trying to do what is right.</p> <p>Jesus loves to fill your life with joy as his follower.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> BSF Home Training Lesson on Matthew Lesson 5, Series III

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<p>5</p> <p>"Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:7</p>	<p>She got what she deserved. He made his bed and now he has to sleep in it. Capitalize on the misfortune of others. Survival of the fittest.</p>	<p>Be kind to others, take time to help even if the person doesn't deserve it, and forgive just as you have been forgiven.</p> <p>Jesus wants us to be merciful because we too have been shown mercy by Jesus.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>"Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8</p>	<p>Happiness comes from doing what makes you feel good. When you are true to yourself you will see life more clearly. Do what makes you happy.</p>	<p>The pure in heart love God and want to please him because they have changed hearts. Being pure is being clean from sin. We want to keep our minds, thoughts, and actions clean.</p> <p>When we do God says we will "see" him, meaning we will understand God's character.</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9</p>	<p>Don't get involve in others' arguments. Gossip about what others do wrong, but don't step into their mess.</p>	<p>We should be peacemakers: people that help people make peace with God and each other. We should take time to tell people about Jesus instead of fight.</p> <p>Bringing God's peace is being like Jesus.</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10</p>	<p>Conform. Follow the crowd. Protect yourself at all costs. A good god would never allow people to suffer or hurt.</p>	<p>Stand up for what God's Word says is right even if it means that others' might make fun of you or hurt you.</p> <p>Suffering because you act like Jesus will give you a special joy in your heart. The kingdom is waiting for you!</p>	

**Blessed are Jesus' followers who exhibit the beautiful attitudes of Christ.**

**M**emory Verse Challenge: Matthew 5:3-10  
 Use hand motions to aid memory of The Beatitudes. At the end of February, submit your memory verse video to [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:LauriHaugen@elmopres.org) for a special prize!

<b>The Beatitudes</b>	<b>Handmotions</b>
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Drop head in repentance, then make crown with your hands upon your head
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	Look sad then rock a baby
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	Flex arms, turn flexed arms upside down, now make a round earth with arms
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Feed self, then hold up right hand, next rub tummy
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.	Use right middle finger to touch center of left palm, repeat with left middle finger on right palm...represents Jesus' nails in his hands
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.	Draw a heart on your chest with your fingers and then make glasses with your fingers and hold to your eyes
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.	Make a peace sign and then point to self and then point "up" to God
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Make a jab motion like a pirate fighting with a sword, then hold up your right hand, and finally make a crown with your hands upon your head