Matthew, Chapter 5:1-16 / Adult Bible Study 2024-2025

**What is God saying**

* What is God saying about….
* What am I going to do about it?

**Digging Deep**

The stage is set.

**Stepping back in Matt. 4:23-24**

Matthew describes Jesus’ ministry in Galilee as one of word and deed.

**The Beatitudes from a sort of “doorway”**

A form of going from to going to.

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

* Blessed.
* The poor in spirit.
* Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

* Those who mourn.
* They shall be comforted.

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

* Are the meek.
* Inherit the earth.

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

* Hunger and thirst for righteousness.
* Shall be satisfied.

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

* Merciful.
* Receive mercy.

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

* Pure in heart.
* Shall see God.

Vs. 9, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons’ of God.

* Peacemakers.
* Called sons of God.

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

* Who are persecuted.
* Is the kingdom of heaven.

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

**Questions to Dig Deeper**

* Of these eight qualities which two do you desire most in your life? Why?
* Am I in a place where I can be completely open and honest with God. Or do I hold back?
* Have I come to a place where I truly want to know God and His will for my life more than anything?
* Based on the beatitudes, is the light in your life shinning like a 300-watt bulb? A 100 -watt bulb? Or a night light? Why? How can Jesus enable you to shine brighter?