

# BLESSED BY GOD

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There are 183 questions registered in the gospels that were asked to Jesus. Some had to do with the coming kingdom, some were trick questions, some were debate questions. But no one ever asked Jesus the following: "Are you happy?" "Do you feel blessed?" That was never a mystery to those who knew and heard Jesus. Jesus knew he was blessed by the Father and his words, decisions and lifestyle reflected this.

I believe the Beatitudes are the key Jesus gave us so that His reality would become ours also.

Martin Luther famously said, "God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing."

Let me ask you, are you joyful? Do you feel blessed by God?

We do not enter the state of blessing by obeying a series of laws and disciplines. We enter the state of blessing and impact in the world through faith in Jesus Christ.



## PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Take time to pray a blessing over a particular friend in your group.



## REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's teaching, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. **What is the relationship between living in the fullness of God's blessings and being a disciple of Jesus Christ?**

**THE MULTITUDES ALWAYS SEEK THE TEMPORARY, WHILE THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS SEEK THE ETERNAL.**

2. **Is there a particular beatitude that challenges your faith and conduct? Share your thoughts with your group.**

3. **Read the next statement and answer the following questions:**

**THE POOR IN SPIRIT IS WILLING TO EXCHANGE ALL THAT HE HAS FOR THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE.**

- Do you agree with this statement? If yes, why? If no, why?
- How can you tell when you are poor in spirit?
- What makes God's grace so great that can satisfy the needs of the poor in spirit?

## THIS WEEK'S MISSIONAL LIVING TIP:

This week appropriate God's blessings and as a person who has in abundance, share with others. Send a text of encouragement to a family member or friend. Pray for a person who is sick or in need. Take the time to bless your children or family in the morning before starting your day.