



LIVING OUT A GENUINE FAITH IN A FALLEN WORLD

WEEK 1 - PASTOR GREG HACKETT

Main Scripture - MATTHEW 5:1-12

- v1** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,
- v2** and he began to teach them. The Beatitudes He said:
- v3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- v4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- v5** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- v6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- v7** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- v8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- v9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- v10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- v11** Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- v12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Definitions

- Beatitude (def.) - a state of happiness or bliss.
- Blessed (makarios) - happy, fortunate, blissful

Discussion Questions

1. How did the context of the beatitude message help your understand it better?
2. Most of the beatitudes focused on the inward spiritual person. Why did Jesus focus His teaching on that?
3. What is the most difficult aspect of the “beatitude process” for you?