

## Applying God's Word

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**This Week's Passage:** Matthew 5:1-6

**Corresponding Sermon from King's Church:** "The Beatitudes, Part One"

### Opening Discussion

1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
3. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

### Going Deeper

1. The beatitudes begin by describing life in the kingdom of heaven (the life of blessing & flourishing) as being **poor in spirit** and **mourning** over sin. How might we cultivate this type of mindset about our spiritual condition? How is this different from being depressed and inconsolable?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Realizing who we are before God, the kingdom citizen is **meek** (humble & gentle in the world). This is not the same as weakness and cowardice. Look at the following passages and think together about how this helps us define and pursue this beatitude in our lives. (**Titus 3:1-2, 1 Thess. 2:7, Psalm 37:1-11**)
  - A. How can you be meek while in a position of authority?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. What does meekness look like in the workplace and in the home?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C. How should meekness affect the way we think and speak to and about others?

3. Life in the kingdom of God is marked by a desire to see God's **righteousness** invade our lives personally and our entire world. How might that affect the way we live?

4. Behind all of these statements is the glorious reality that those in Christ possess the **kingdom of heaven** now and look forward to its **comforting** and **satisfying** culmination when they will **inherit** the whole earth. How does this promise motivate you to pursue faithfulness to the kingdom life?

#### Prayer Points

1. Thank God for the blessing of Christ and that your eternal hope is in his grace, not your works.
2. Ask him to give you a desire to truly live the life of flourishing and blessing in obedience to Jesus.