

“Blessed Are Those”

Start Talking: Share about your week with others. What’s going well? What’s something we can be praying together about?

Key Scripture: Read the following together. *“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.” Matthew 5:1-5 (NKJV)*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose a question (or several) to create openness and discussion.

- In what ways can we ensure a consistent commitment to coming to Jesus on His terms, even when it requires inconvenience?
- How can we develop a daily practice of coming to the Lord for spiritual hearing and affection, recognizing that the church often seeks direction while the Lord desires affection?
- Explore the qualities of being "poor in spirit" and "meek." How do these traits relate to humility, hunger for God, and maintaining tenderness in our hearts? Share experiences of embracing humility and meekness, including the role of surrender and correction in spiritual growth.

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Father, we thank you for Your goodness and mercy in our lives. Give us the strength and wisdom to consistently come to You on Your terms, embracing any inconvenience with joy as we deepen our commitment to Your ways. May we cultivate a daily practice of seeking Your voice, recognizing that our journey with You is not merely about direction but a profound desire for an intimate, affectionate relationship. Fill us with the humility and meekness exemplified in Your Word, helping us surrender our goals, embrace correction, and maintain tender hearts. In Jesus’ name, Amen!”