

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (WEEK 3)

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS - JANUARY 31, 2010
PASTOR JEFF - BEATITUDES PART 3 (MT. 5:9-12)

connect

1. What is your name? What is your favorite restaurant? What is your favorite thing to eat at that restaurant?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Explain.

study

1. Read Matthew 5:3-12
2. Review: Can you summarize the first five Beatitudes in your own words? What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"? "Mourn"? "Meek"? "Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness"? and "Show Mercy"?
3. What does it mean to be pure in heart? Do you think it is possible this side of heaven to have unmixed motives? What does Jesus want us to do when we realize we have mixed motives?
4. Why would the promise of seeing God be reserved for those who are pure in heart?
5. What did you think "Blessed are the peacemakers" meant before listening to Jeff's message? What does peacemaker mean to you now? Read Ephesians 4:1-3.
6. How can we be peacemakers in our homes, in our churches, and in society? How should we respond to the relationship where we have done everything to have peace and the other person does not want peace?
7. What are some of our excuses for not making peace?

8. Why would the world hate the kind of people described in the Beatitudes?
9. Have you experienced the mystery of Jesus' joy in your life even though you have been rejected, persecuted, hated, insulted for following Jesus? Read Acts 5:27-42. How would you have responded after being beaten?
10. How have the Beatitudes challenged you to be different?

pray

1. Pray that we would be pure in heart, peacemakers, and be willing to follow Jesus in such a way that we're willing to be persecuted.
2. Prayer requests – how can you pray for each other this week?