

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT  
LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS - JANUARY 24, 2010  
PASTOR STEVE - BEATITUDES PART 2 (MT. 5:6-7)

connect

1. What is your name? How many siblings do you have? What is your birth order?
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 5:3-7
2. Review: Can you summarize the first three Beatitudes in your own words? What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"? "Mourn"? "Meek"?
3. How did Steve suggest the first three Beatitudes relate to the next five?
4. What is "righteousness"? How is a disciple supposed to pursue righteousness?
5. Have you ever been starving or desperately thirsty? If so, what did it feel like? Why don't we feel that way towards righteousness?
6. Read the story of the Rich Young Ruler in Luke 18:18-30. What kept him from entering the Kingdom of God according to Jesus? What kinds of things do we fill our lives with that keep us from pursuing righteousness? Are they all bad?
7. Is becoming like Christ the greatest desire of our lives? What do we need to change in our lives to pursue righteousness?
8. What is "mercy"? Why is feeling compassion towards someone not enough? What is the greatest example of mercy according to Steve?

9. Read the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant in Matthew 18:21-35. How does this parable relate to this beatitude? In what ways can I start showing mercy to others?

## pray

1. Pray that these traits, "poor in spirit; mourn over sin; meek; hunger and thirst for righteousness; and merciful" would describe our lives.
2. Prayer requests – how can you pray for each other this week?