

# **WEEK #1: Happy Are the Beggars**

When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to teach them, saying:

### The Beatitudes

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the humble,

for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:1-12 (CSB)

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	2 Corinthians 12:9 (VOICE
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God opposes the proud, but He pours	out grace on the humble.
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#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How do you think today's culture would describe the "good life"? What sort of earthly things does our culture value as it pertains to success or happiness?
- 2. Why is it sometimes so hard to admit that we can't do something on our own?
- 3. How would you, your family, your friend groups, and your community be transformed if everyone came to God admitting that they needed His power, not their own?
- 4. What do you want to release and hand over to God today?

### **Recommended Resources**

- The Good Life: What Jesus Teaches about Finding True Happiness, by Dr. Derwin L. Gray
- The Fight to Flourish, by Jennie Lusko
- Sermon on the Mount (The Story of God Bible Commentary), by Scot McKnight
- Beatitudes Series: Enjoying Everyday Life Podcast, by Joyce Meyer
- Understanding the Sermon on the Mount (Messages of Christ), YouTube