[**Matthew 5:1-12**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%205.1-12) **(known as the Beatitudes)**

*“Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:*

*‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, 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 theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’”*

Discussion Questions from [mbbc.org](http://mbbc.org)

 1.  While these beatitudes might be familiar to you, is there something new you learned from the lesson today?  Something that might challenge you in your walk with the Lord?”

2.  Which of these beatitudes are uncomfortable for you, and call into question your own following faithfully in the way of Jesus?

3.  Where are you not in stark enough contrast with the way of the world, that it’s not obvious you are following Jesus?

4. Which of the groups that Jesus identifies as blessed do you feel closest to? Why is that?

5. Which of the groups do we feel least like? Why is that?