

OCTOBER 18th, 2020

THE BLESSED ONES

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(Matthew 5:1-12, NIV)

The "Blessed Ones" Are:

People who are _____, _____, and _____.

People with longings for _____, _____, _____, and _____.

People who have suffered the injustices of _____, being _____ and _____.

"Blessed" = _____.

The blessings tell us that the people that don't matter, _____.

The blessings tell us that we can flourish in the most unlikely circumstances - if they lead us to _____.

The blessings invite us to _____ our world as though _____ under Jesus.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

How is God calling you to respond to the message?

What questions remain for you about the message?

What is God teaching you these days?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

Will you try to memorize the SOTM?

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The "Blessed Ones" Are:

People who are POOR, MOURNFUL, and LANDLESS.

People with longings for JUSTICE, MERCY, PURE HEARTS, and PEACE.

People who have suffered the injustices of PERSECUTION, being INSULTED and LIED ABOUT.

"Blessed" = FLOURISH.

The blessings tell us that the people that don't matter, MATTER.

The blessings tell us that we can flourish in the most unlikely circumstances - if they lead us to FOLLOW JESUS.

The blessings invite us to REIMAGINE our world as though APPRENTICING under Jesus.

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