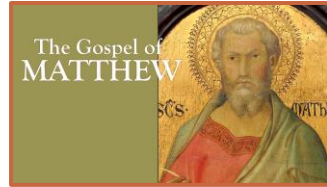


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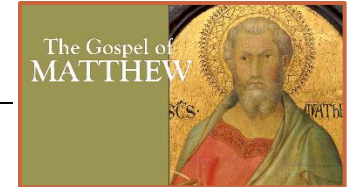


NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What are some ways in which the word “blessed” is used today?
- *Read Matthew 4:23–5:12.* How would you describe the people who begin to follow Jesus? What would it be like to be in the large crowd around Jesus?
- Based on biblical teaching, what does it mean to be “blessed”? How is being blessed different from being happy? What roles do the person and God each play in the blessing?
- How does society typically view each of the eight character qualities or types of people Jesus says are blessed? Since Jesus declares them blessed, what does that reveal about our Lord’s values and perspective?
- How does Jesus expand upon the last beatitude? Why might this have been needed?
- How do the eight beatitudes relate to the promises that follow them? How do they reveal God’s blessings?
- How do you imagine the crowd responding to Jesus’ declarations? How might you have responded if you were there?
- Of the eight beatitudes, which two most describe your life currently? What are the promises that go with them? How would it feel to hear Jesus say to you, “Blessed are you!”
- What is the Lord teaching you about himself and his kingdom through this text? How do you want to respond going forward? How can your small group or others support you as you do?