



Leader

02/02 - Matthew 5:6

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read through 5:1-11. How do these beatitudes interact with one another? Explain the connectedness of the first four?
Thus far, we have we learned that there is certainly a hierarchy of significance. Jesus states the first beatitude, blessed are the poor in spirit (the realization of the need for God), out of importance. The first two beatitudes give way to the third (meekness). The fourth beatitude is more positive and is a consequence of the first three.
3. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? What have you learned about this?
Pastor John McArthur says they are "those who are absolutely desperate for sin to be replaced with virtue and disobedience to be replaced with obedience. They are eager to serve the Word and the will of God."
4. The person who is pleased with his own righteousness sees no need for God. What biblical examples can you think of where individuals hungered for the wrong things? How did things end up for them?
[Examples: Lucifer hungered for power. King Nebuchadnezzar hungered for praise.]
5. What is the result of hungering and thirsting for the things of God? What verses come to mind when thinking about a Christian's hunger and thirst for God?
Satisfaction. Our part is to seek; God's part is to satisfy / Psalm 1, Psalm 42:1, etc.
6. How might you parallel this beatitude with story about the prodigal son?
Example: The prodigal son desired the things of the world until he became absolutely desperate. It was at that point, he turned back to his Father.
7. How would you put the beatitudes we have learned into your own words?
[Examples:]
 1. The good life belongs to those who realize their need for God, for they will have tender hearts towards the things of God.
 2. The good life belongs to those who have sorrow for their sin, for they will be comforted.
 3. The good life belongs to those who are gentle and show bridled strength, for they will be the ones who experience God's inheritance.
 4. The good life belongs to those whose one ambition is for God, for they shall be satisfied.

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today," ... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- John MacArthur Commentary - Matthew