

Adult Impact Study Sheet

January 1, 2023

If possible, read **Matthew 5:1-12** from several translations.

For additional insight go to www.studylight.org and www.gotquestions.org.

We're going to be studying Matthew 5:1-12 during the Sundays of January through February focusing on different verses each week. It is suggested that you read the entire portion each time you complete your study sheets to profit from the context.

1. The Beatitudes can be understood in at least four ways. Consider and discuss this first one: "They are a code of ethics for the disciples and a standard of conduct for all believers."¹ (*We'll look at the other three in the next three Sundays.*)

2. In this, Jesus' longest recorded sermon, He begins with a positive emphasis on righteousness.
 - a. How did the Pharisees measure righteousness?

 - b. How does Jesus (and how should we) measure true righteousness?

3. Verses 3-11 begin with the word "Blessed" (in the Greek *makariōs*), "supremely blest"². Discuss what the term "blessed" means in these Beatitude verses.

4. What does it NOT mean to be "poor in spirit?"

What DOES it mean to be "poor in spirit?"

5. What is the kingdom of heaven/kingdom of God?

¹ Life Application Study Bible

² Strong's Concordance

Next week: Matthew 5:4