

Adult Impact Study Sheet

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If possible, read **Matthew 5:4** from several translations.

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

We're 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 second one: "They contrast kingdom values (what is eternal) with worldly values (what is temporary)."¹ (*We'll look at the other two in the next two Sundays.*)

2. What kinds of things make you happy, bring you joy?

To Jesus, "blessed" means the experience of hope and joy, independent of outward circumstances.¹ How do we find hope and joy, the deepest form of happiness?

3. What does happiness mean to the world? How would they react to the idea that those who mourn should be happy, joyful?
4. Keep in mind that the Beatitudes have reference to a spiritual condition and a spiritual attitude.² Mourning here refers to being saddened by the things that sadden God.³ What are things that cause God to mourn?
5. What things in the life of a believer might cause God to mourn? (*See Romans 7:14-25*)

Why does "mourning" naturally follow being "poor in spirit"?

What does mourning over your sin involve?

6. How do we obtain comfort from God as we consider sin in our lives? (*See 1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11*)
7. What things outside the life of a believer might cause him/her to mourn?

¹ Life Application Study Bible

² D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

³ Tony Evans Bible Commentary

Next week: Matthew 5:5