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Believers' Characteristics: The Beatitudes | Matthew 5:2-12 | Pr. Wallace Ong

1. Why the "Beattitudes" teaching is so important for Christian's living? How these "attitudes" shape our characters?

2. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.(Matthew 5:3 ESV)
 - What does "blessed" mean?
 - What does it mean to be poor in spirit? What does it require to be poor in spirit?
 - Why the Kingdom of Heaven belong to those poor in spirit?

3. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.(Matthew 5:4 ESV)
 - What does the word "mourn" refer to? What kind of mourning Jesus is talking about?

4. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.(Matthew 5:5 ESV)
 - What does it mean to be meek?
 - Are you consider yourself being meek?
 - Meekness requires us to yield up our will and follow God's will for our lives. Are you willing to see what God has prepared for your life? Do you trust God in every situation by follow His will?

5. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.(Matthew 5:6 ESV)
 - What does it mean to be "hunger and thirst for righteousness"?
 - Why do you think Jesus would want us to be "hunger and thirst for righteousness"?

6. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.(Matthew 5:7 ESV)

- What does it mean to be merciful?
- Have you ever asked for mercy? How does God show mercy to you?
- List some people we've studied in the Bible who were merciful and discuss. How can we learn from them. (Joseph with his brothers, David with King Saul, Saul before become Paul...)

7. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.(Matthew 5:8 ESV)

- What does it mean to be pure in heart? Is it important to be pure in heart?
- What it take for us to be pure in heart? How to continue to live the life that is pure in heart.

8. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.(Matthew 5:9 ESV)

- What is a peacemaker?
- When is a person a peacemaker? How did they bring peace?
- Have you been a peacemaker? What does this verse mean to you?

9. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.(Matthew 5:10-12 ESV)

- What it mean "persecuted for righteousness' sake"? Share some of your experiences if it happen to you.
- Why was Jesus being persecuted? How did Jesus handle persecution?
- Name some of the people in Bible who were persecuted. What can we learn from them? Did they rejoice and glad? Discuss?
- Have you reviled and persecuted someone with evil? If so, take a moment to pray and repent before God.

PRAY

- Pray for one another to live out the teaching in the Beatitudes.
- Pray for ourselves not to be the one who revile and persecute others due to selfish desires.
- Pray for those who are being persecuted - around us and around the world.