

Homework

Simple Gospel

Fall 2025 | Week 1

Message Date 9/14/2025

MY STORY

- 1) What's the most unusual thing you've ever done with duct tape?
- 2) You can make one chore illegal forever—which one goes, and why?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Matthew 5:1–7 (NLT)

¹One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him,

²and he began to teach them.

³"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

⁴God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

⁶God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

⁷God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

- 4) Jesus begins with "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Pastor Jen explained this as living with a surrendered, repentant heart. Why is repentance the foundation for the rest of the Beatitudes?
- 5) Verse 4 says: "God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted." What does it mean to "mourn" in a godly way, and how have you experienced God's comfort in times of sorrow or repentance?
- 6) Verse 5 says: "God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth." Why does biblical humility (or meekness) require strength, not weakness? How does humility transform our relationships?

- 7) Verse 6 says: *"God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied."* How can we tell if we truly hunger for righteousness/justice? What practices help us grow in this desire?
- 8) How do you define mercy and how do we define Grace? What is the difference between the two?
- 9) Verse 7 says: *"God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy."* Why is mercy central to Christian life? How does showing mercy reflect God's character?
- 10) How are these "Be attitudes" states of being instead of things to do, and what is the difference?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection Questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) What in your life do you need to bring to Jesus right now with a surrendered and repentant heart?
- 2) How have you experienced comfort from God recently? Ask Him to remind you of His presence in your mourning.
- 3) Who is one person you can show mercy to this week in a tangible way? Pray for the strength to reflect Christ's compassion.