

## **Life Group Discussion Guide**

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#### **General Questions:**

1. If someone who was not here last Sunday asked you, "What was the sermon about this week?" what would you tell them?
2. What is something the pastor said during his sermon that stood out to you and why?
3. Was there anything the pastor said during the sermon that you have questions about or would like to discuss?

#### **Sermon Notes:**

**Main Idea:** Jesus teaches His disciples 8 specific attributes or conditions of a man that result in God's blessing (approval). These attributes / conditions reveal 3 general things we can do seek God's blessing:

1. Know that we need Jesus (verses 3-6)
2. Behave like Jesus. (verses 7-9)
3. Stand for Jesus. (verses 10-12)

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Verses 3-10 begin with the phrase "blessed are". What does Jesus mean when He uses this phrase and why is it important?
2. Discuss the attributes and conditions named by Jesus that bring about blessings. What do they mean and why does God bless them? How can you live them out in your life?
  - The poor in spirit
  - Those who mourn
  - The meek
  - Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
  - The merciful
  - The pure in heart
  - The peacemakers
  - Those who are persecuted for righteousness sake
3. In what area of your life do you need to more intentional about seeking God's blessing / approval?

4. Bro. Mike explained that those who “are pure in heart” don’t live out their faith by going through the motions, they have a heart for Jesus. How might someone “go through the motions” in worship? In prayer? In tithes and offering? In spiritual growth? In Bible study? What can you do to avoid going through the motions?
5. What does this passage teach you about God?
6. What does this passage teach you about you?
7. What does this passage ask and expect of you as a disciple of Jesus?