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**Word Wednesday Lesson 18 – Sermon on the Mount I: Beatitudes *Matthew 5:1-16***

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**Memory Verse #18: Matthew 5:16** - Let your \_\_\_\_\_ so shine before men, that they may see your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your Father in heaven.

**Walking in His Dust** - Jesus does not demand things His Talmidim are incapable of doing. “I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through \_\_\_\_\_ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

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**Lesson notes & questions:**

- **Makarios** - Divine \_\_\_\_\_ - not \_\_\_\_\_
- **Poor in spirit** - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_
- **Mourn** - specifically, mourn over \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- **Meek** - complete \_\_\_\_\_ to the Master.
- **Righteousness** - not \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness, but \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness in our lives.
- **Mercy** - not getting what we \_\_\_\_\_ (Grace: getting what we \_\_\_\_\_ deserve)
- **Pure in Heart** - \_\_\_\_\_ as well as external purity. Not \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Peacemakers** - \_\_\_\_\_ pursue peace in our \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Persecuted** - to be expected if we are \_\_\_\_\_ with the world
- Write your own thoughts on “**salt and light**”:

**Lesson Reflections** (*review before Apply nights*):

- What is at least one new thing I learned about loving God or my neighbor?
- Which topics would I like to know more about or need clarification?
- How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply the lesson’s Scripture to my discipleship?



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**APPLY!**

- Share your “Lesson Reflections” responses with the group.
- What is the difference between joy and happiness? What do we learn from Jesus’ use of the Greek word *makarios*?
- **Attitude toward myself. READ Mt. 5:3.** What does it mean to be “poor in spirit,” and how does it contribute to our joy?
- **Attitude toward my sin. READ Mt. 5:4-6.**
  - How can those who mourn be joyful?
  - What things do disciples mourn over?
  - Define “meek.” How should disciples demonstrate meekness?
  - How do disciples hunger and thirst for righteousness?
  - What relationship does the fourth beatitude have to the first three?
- **Attitude toward the LORD. Read Mt. 5:7-9.**
  - Is being merciful to others how we earn God’s mercy? Why or why not?
  - What is the opposite of being pure in heart? What do we not want to be like?
  - How do disciples make peace?
- **Attitude toward the World. Read Mt. 5:10-16.**
  - What kind of persecution do Christians experience today?
  - Are Christians in the U.S. persecuted? Why or why not?
  - How does Jesus’ path for His disciples differ from the world’s priorities?
  - What does it mean for disciples to be “Salt and light”
- Which of the Beatitudes caught you off guard as we studied them? Why?
- Do a self-assessment. Which beatitude needs the most attention in your walk as a disciple? Is there any part of your walk you have placed under a basket?

**GO!**

**What is God saying to you, and how are you responding?**

**What is something you are excited about right now?**

**What is a big challenge you are facing right now?**

**Who is on your heart right now and why?**

**Review the last lesson’s GO section. What prayers has God answered?**

**Pray for one another!**