

7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
9. 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*

- The “good life” belongs to those who bring “shalom” into conflict
- The “good life” belongs to those who are rejected when doing what is right by God and for people
- The “good life” belongs to *you* when *you* are opposed for following the King

Living the “good life” in Jesus’ Kingdom requires total surrender to the King — who modeled what he taught all the way to the cross — so that we might experience Kingdom Life with him forever!

Growing Notes

What have you often equated with the “good life”? How did you first adopt this idea? What would you say influenced you to define the “good life” in this way?

Which of the 9 “good life” statements challenges you the most? Why?

As a group read Matthew 5-7, the entire Sermon on the Mount (it only takes about 15 minutes to read the whole passage). Where do you see aspects of the Beatitudes reappear in the rest of Jesus’ teaching? How does Jesus call back to the “good life” in the other topics he addresses?

Many Christians approach the Beatitudes as a formula to help them gain favor with God (“just try harder”). How is this mindset the opposite of what Jesus is really communicating? How can this group encourage and pray for one another?



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The Good Life (Matthew 5:1-12)

Each of us has an image in our mind of the “good life” – financial stability, good health, personal fulfillment, meaningful relationships. In the first recorded teaching of Jesus from Matthew’s gospel, Jesus describes what the “good life” looks like in *his* Kingdom...

Outline of Matthew:

The King We’ve Been Waiting For (1-4)

The Kingdom Life (5-7) “The Sermon on the Mount”

The Kingdom Power (8-10)

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The Beatitudes: “Blessed are the...”

Greek: *makarios* = fortunate, happy, flourishing

Hebrew: *ashrei* = abundance, security, stability, safety (Psalm 1)

When the circumstances a person is experiencing are ideal

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth

- The “good life” belongs to those who are powerless
- The “good life” belongs to those who experience loss
- The “good life” belongs to those who feel unimportant

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God

- The “good life” belongs to those who deeply desire to do what is right by God and for people
- The “good life” belongs to those who show generous, loyal love
- The “good life” belongs to those who possess strong character