

# JESUS:

A Life of **Impact**  
2025 SERIES

**The Heart of the Kingdom**

**The Beautitudes**

**Matthew 5:1-10**





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## Introduction

Jesus gave his first recorded sermon on a hill near Capernaum, next to the Sea of Galilee. This was a perfect spot because everyone could hear Him well, and though it was far from Jerusalem's religious centre, it became a very important place. By this time, Jesus had become well-known as a teacher and healer around Galilee, Syria, and Decapolis. All kinds of people came to hear Him speak - from fishermen to tax collectors to religious teachers. The people were living under Roman rule and many Jews were hoping for a leader who would free them.

Jesus sat down to teach, as teachers did in those days. He then began to share ideas that would change how people thought about God's kingdom and power.

This teaching is known as the Beatitudes and is the introduction to the Sermon on the Mount. In it, Jesus reveals the heart of God's Kingdom. He painted a portrait of Kingdom living that would challenge every preconception about what it means to be truly blessed. His words challenged what people thought it meant to be blessed by God.

Each teaching in the Beatitudes connects to the next one. Together, they show how a person can become more like Jesus. He talked about everything from being humble to facing hard times for what you believe.

What makes these teachings special is that they're different from what most people think. In a world that pursues happiness through power, pleasure, and prosperity, Jesus presents a startlingly different path. He tells us that the broken-hearted are blessed, the meek will inherit the earth, and those who hunger for righteousness will be satisfied. These are not just counter-cultural statements; they are kingdom principles that turn our natural understanding upside down.

We pray that, in your study of these wonderful kingdom statements of Jesus, His teachings will transform your heart. Use each week to discover more of God's heart for you and His people.

We pray that you will learn how to align your heart with the values of God's kingdom and that these foundational teachings of Jesus will not just reveal

the heart of His kingdom but will transform your heart. We pray that you will discover what true happiness is according to God's design.

## **Week 1: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**

Memory Verse: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* (Matthew 5:3)

### **Introduction to this week's study**

In a world that celebrates self-sufficiency, achievement, and spiritual pride, Jesus declares that true blessing comes through recognising our complete spiritual bankruptcy before God.

What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Far from being a call to low self-esteem or false humility, this beatitude invites us into a profound understanding of our need for God and His grace. Like empty vessels waiting to be filled, those who acknowledge their spiritual poverty create space for God's kingdom to enter and transform their lives.

As we explore this verse, we'll discover how this counter-cultural principle opens the door to experiencing the fullness of God's kingdom both now and in eternity.

## DAY 1: Understanding Spiritual Poverty

Scripture: Matthew 5:3, Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 34:18  
and Revelation 3:17-18

What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"?

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How does spiritual poverty differ from material poverty?

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Why is this Beatitude listed first?

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## DAY 2: The Kingdom Response

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14, Isaiah 66:2 and James 4:6-10

How do the Pharisee and Tax Collector differ in their spiritual awareness?

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What makes the tax collector's prayer powerful?

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How can you cultivate this attitude in your own prayer life?

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## DAY 3: Examples of Spiritual Poverty

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-5, Job 42:1-6 and Daniel 10:4-8

How did Isaiah respond to God's holiness?

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What happened after Isaiah acknowledged his unworthiness?

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How does seeing God's glory affect our self-perception?

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## **DAY 4: The Promise of the Kingdom of Heaven**

Scripture: Matthew 5:3, James 2:5, Luke 12:32 and 1 Peter 5:5-6

What does it mean to inherit the Kingdom of heaven?

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Why is the Kingdom of Heaven given to the poor in spirit?

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How is this promise already true in your life?

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## DAY 5: Walking in Spiritual Poverty

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-11, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10  
and 1 Timothy 1:15

What did Paul count as a loss compared to knowing Christ?

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How can we maintain spiritual poverty while growing in Christ?

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What needs to change in your life to embrace this attitude?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scriptures:** Matthew 5:3, Proverbs 29:23 and Luke 18:14

Read Psalm 84:12. Jesus uses the word "blessed" to describe those who are poor in spirit. Looking at Matthew 5:3 alongside Psalm 84:12 how does this kind of blessing differ from what the world typically considers blessed? What does true blessing look like in God's kingdom?

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Read Matthew 18:2-4. Matthew 5:3 connects spiritual poverty directly to receiving "the kingdom of heaven." where Jesus says, "*Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*" How does childlike dependence relate to being poor in spirit? Why might this be a prerequisite for entering God's kingdom?

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Read Revelation 3:17-18. Matthew 5:3 as the first Beatitude, sets the foundation for all that follows. Why do you think Jesus placed this teaching about being poor in spirit first? How does acknowledging our spiritual poverty open the door to experiencing the other Beatitudes?

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What practical steps can you take to cultivate spiritual poverty? What barriers prevent you from admitting your spiritual neediness?

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## **Week 2: Blessed are those who Mourn**

Memory Verse: "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*" (Matthew 5:4)

### **Introduction to this week's study**

When Jesus proclaimed, "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted,*" it might sound strange to us. Many people think we should hide our sadness and pretend to be happy all the time. But Jesus taught that it's good to let ourselves feel sad sometimes, because when we do, God will comfort us.

Once we recognise our spiritual poverty, we begin to mourn - not just for personal losses, but for our own brokenness, the suffering around us, and the effects of sin in our world. This mourning goes deeper than mere sadness; it reflects a heart that is tender toward the things that grieve God's heart.

The Greek word used for "mourn" here is the strongest word for grief, yet Jesus pairs this intense grief with a promise; "*they will be comforted.*" This comfort isn't just temporary relief but speaks to the deep consolation that comes from God Himself.

## DAY 1: Understanding Godly Sorrow

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 7:8-11, Psalm 51:1-4 and James 4:8-10

What's the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow?

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How does godly sorrow lead to repentance?

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What are the outcomes of godly sorrow in your life?

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## DAY 2: Mourning Over Sin

Scripture: Psalm 38:1-8, Ezra 9:5-15 and Luke 22:61-62

How does David express his grief over sin?

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Why is it important to feel grief over our sins?

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How does this Psalm help us understand true repentance?

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## DAY 3: The Promise of Comfort

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3 and Revelation 21:3-4

How does God transform mourning into joy?

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Isaiah 61:3 mentions several transformations: "beauty instead of ashes," "joy instead of mourning," and "praise instead of despair." What do you think these contrasts represent in people's spiritual lives? Can you think of a time when you experienced any of these transformations?

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How have you experienced God's comfort in your life?

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## DAY 4: Mourning with Others

Scripture: Romans 12:15, Job 2:11-13 and 1 Corinthians 12:26

Why are we called to mourn with others?

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How can sharing grief bring comfort?

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What practical ways can you support those who mourn?

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## DAY 5: From Mourning to Dancing

Scripture: Psalm 30, Psalm 126:5-6, John 16:20-22  
and 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

What's the relationship between sowing in tears and reaping in joy?

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How does this passage encourage perseverance?

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What seeds of faith are you sowing in your current season?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:4, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 and Revelation 21:1-4

What is the Biblical meaning of “*blessed are those who mourn*” and why are we blessed in mourning?

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Read Isaiah 61:1-3. How does Isaiah's prophecy expand our understanding of the comfort Jesus promises?

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Share a time when God brought comfort in your mourning. How can we create safe spaces for people to express grief and sorrow?

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How does mourning lead to spiritual growth?

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## **Week 3: Blessed are the Meek**

*Memory Verse: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." (Matthew 5:5)*

### **Introduction to this week's study**

Jesus said that meek people would inherit the earth. This might sound strange in today's world, where people often think being loud, pushy, and showing off are good things.

When Jesus talked about being "meek," He didn't mean being weak or letting people walk all over you. Think of it like a strong horse that has been well-trained. The horse is still powerful, but it's gentle and responds to tiny signals from its rider. That's what real meekness is like - having strength but using it wisely and gently.

Many people think you need to be aggressive and fight to get what you want in life. But Jesus said something different - He said that gentle, humble people who control their strength will end up being the ones who truly succeed.

## DAY 1: Understanding Meekness

Scripture: Matthew 5:5, 11:28-30, Numbers 12:3 and Zephaniah 2:3

How does Jesus define meekness through His own example?

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What does it mean to be "gentle and humble in heart"?

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How is meekness different from weakness?

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## DAY 2: Strength Under Control

Scripture: Numbers 12:3, Matthew 26:53-54 and 1 Peter 3:15

How does Moses' life demonstrate meekness as "strength under control"?

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In what ways did Jesus demonstrate meekness during His arrest and crucifixion, even though He had the power to stop it?

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How can we practice meekness in our daily relationships while still standing firm in our faith?

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## DAY 3: Inheriting the Earth

Scripture: Matthew 5:5, Psalm 37:10-11, Genesis 1:26-28 and Revelation 21:1 and 7

What does "inheriting the earth" mean in practical terms for believers today?

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How does the promise of inheriting the earth relate to God's original command for humans to have dominion over creation?

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How does our current role as stewards of God's creation connect to the future promise of inheriting the earth?

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## DAY 4: Learning from Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11 and 2 Corinthians 10:1

How does Jesus demonstrate meekness in His triumphal entry into Jerusalem?

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What does this teach us about true leadership?

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How can you follow Jesus's example today?

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## DAY 5: Practicing Meekness

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17, Galatians 5:22-23 and Titus 3:1-2

How does meekness relate to other Christian virtues?

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What practical steps can you take to cultivate meekness?

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How might your relationships change through meekness?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:5, Psalm 37:10-11, Colossians 3:12-17 and Philippians 2:5-11

What specific qualities characterize Biblical meekness in these passages?

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How does our culture view meekness versus God's view?

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Read Psalm 37:1-11. How does the psalmist's description of the meek inheriting the land illuminate Jesus's promise about inheriting the earth?

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Share a time when meekness proved more powerful than force.

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## **Week 4: Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**

Memory Verse: *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*  
(Matthew 5:6)

### **Introduction to this week's study**

Jesus talked about hunger and thirst in a way His listeners understood. They lived in a hot, dry place where finding enough food and water wasn't easy. They knew what it felt like to be truly hungry and thirsty.

When Jesus used these words to talk about righteousness (doing what is right and good), He meant we should want it just as badly as a starving person wants food or a thirsty person wants water. It's not just about casually wanting to be a good person - it's about needing it so much that it becomes the most important thing to you.

When He promised that people who feel this way would be "filled," He meant they would be completely satisfied - like someone who has eaten a huge meal and couldn't possibly eat another bite. God will fully satisfy people who deeply desire to live right and see justice done in the world.

## DAY 1: Understanding Spiritual Hunger

Scripture: Matthew 5:6 and Psalm 42:1-2

What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness?

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How is spiritual hunger different from physical hunger?

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How can you recognize spiritual hunger in your life?

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## DAY 2: The Object of Our Hunger

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-11, Romans 14:17 and  
1 Peter 2:24

What does Paul consider worth pursuing above all else?

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How do you define righteousness?

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What competes with your hunger for righteousness?

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## DAY 3: The Promise of Satisfaction

Scripture: John 6:35-40, Psalm 63:1-5 and Isaiah 58:11

How does Jesus satisfy our spiritual hunger?

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What does it mean to be "filled"?

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How have you experienced God's satisfaction?

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## DAY 4: Maintaining Spiritual Appetite

Scripture: Matthew 6:33, Colossians 3:1-4 and 1 Peter 2:2-3

What does it mean to seek first God's kingdom?

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How do daily choices affect spiritual hunger?

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What practices help maintain spiritual appetite?

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## DAY 5: Living Righteously

Scripture: 1 John 3:7-10, James 2:14-17 and Micah 6:8

How does righteousness manifest in your daily life?

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What's the relationship between righteousness and love?

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How can you practice righteousness today?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:6, Matthew 6:31-34, Matthew 11:28-30 and Philippians 3:7-11

Read Matthew 6:31-34. How does this promise of Jesus in these verses, relate to the meek inheriting the earth? What's the connection between meekness and seeking God's kingdom first?

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Read Matthew 11:28-30. Since Christ is our model, what does His self-description teach us about the true nature of meekness? How is this different from the world's perception of meekness as a weakness?

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Read Philippians 3:7-11. What does it mean to "seek first" God's righteousness?

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How is it possible that we as sinful-natured people are righteous?

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## **Week 5: Blessed are the Merciful**

Memory Verse: "*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*" (Matthew 5:7)

### **Introduction to this week's study**

Mercy is more than just feeling sorry for someone – it's compassion in action. When Jesus spoke these words, He was addressing a crowd familiar with religious rules but perhaps less acquainted with the transformative power of mercy. This teaching isn't just about receiving God's mercy; it is about allowing that mercy to flow through us to others.

In our world today, where judgment and criticism often come more naturally than compassion, this beatitude challenges us to examine our hearts. How do we respond when someone wrongs us? What is our reaction to those who fail or disappoint us? Showing mercy isn't a sign of weakness, but rather a reflection of God's character working in us.

## DAY 1: Understanding Mercy

Scripture: Matthew 5:7, Luke 10:25-37, James 2:13  
and Micah 6:8

How does Jesus define mercy through this parable?

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What motivated the Samaritan's actions?

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What barriers prevent us from showing mercy?

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## DAY 2: Receiving God's Mercy

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-7, 1 Peter 1:3 and Titus 3:4-7

How has God demonstrated His mercy to us?

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Why is understanding received mercy important for showing mercy?

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How does God's mercy transform us?

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## DAY 3: Mercy in Action

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35, Colossians 3:12-13 and Luke 6:36

What does the unforgiving servant teach us about mercy?

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How does receiving mercy relate to giving mercy?

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In what areas do you need to extend mercy?

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## DAY 4: Mercy and Justice

Scripture: James 2:8-13, Psalm 85:10 and Zechariah 7:9-10

How do mercy and justice work together?

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Why does mercy triumph over judgment?

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How can you balance truth and mercy?

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## DAY 5: Living Mercifully

Scripture: Luke 6:32-36, Proverbs 19:17 and Matthew 9:13

How does Jesus challenge our natural inclinations?

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What does it mean to be merciful to enemies?

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How can you show mercy in difficult relationships?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:7, Matthew 18:21-35, Luke 6:36

Compare the parable of the unmerciful servant (Matthew 18:21-35) with Jesus's teaching on mercy in Luke 6:36. What principles about mercy emerge from these passages?

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Read Hosea 6:6 and Matthew 9:13. How does Jesus' emphasis on mercy over sacrifice challenge our way of thinking about Christianity, and our own journey with God?

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How has understanding God's mercy changed you?

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In what practical ways can you show mercy in your family, at work and in the community?

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## **Week 6: Blessed are the Pure in Heart**

Memory Verse: *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."* (Matthew 5:8)

### **Introduction to this week's study**

Jesus teaches us that being religious on the outside isn't enough – what really matters is what's in our hearts.

In Jesus' time, people were very focused on following religious rules and keeping themselves physically clean through ceremonies. But Jesus was talking about something different – having a clean heart on the inside, which is more important than just looking religious on the outside.

So, what does having a pure heart mean? It doesn't mean being perfect. Instead, it means being honest with God, being real about who we are, and loving God with our whole heart. Jesus makes an amazing promise – people with pure hearts "will see God." This means not just seeing God in heaven someday but also knowing God better and feeling His presence in our lives right now.

## DAY 1: Understanding Purity of the Heart

Scripture: Matthew 5:8, Psalm 51:6-10, 1 Chronicles 29:17 and Proverbs 4:23

What does it mean to be pure in heart?

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How does David describe the need for inner cleansing?

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What's the relationship between truth and purity?

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## DAY 2: The Process of Purification

Scripture: James 4:7-10, 1 Peter 1:22 and 2 Timothy 2:20-22

What steps does James outline for purifying our hearts?

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How does drawing near to God lead to purity?

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What areas of your life need purification?

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## DAY 3: Seeing God

Scripture: Hebrews 12:14-15, John 14:21 and Job 42:5

Why is holiness necessary to see God?

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What does it mean to "see God"?

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How does purity affect spiritual vision?

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## DAY 4: Maintaining Purity

Scripture: Philippians 4:8-9, Psalm 119:9-11 and 2 Corinthians 10:5

How do our thoughts affect the purity of our heart?

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What practices help maintain pure thoughts?

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How can you apply this verse practically?

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## DAY 5: Pure Heart in Action

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:5, 1 Peter 4:8 and 1 John 3:2-3

How does a pure heart produce love?

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What's the connection between faith and purity?

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How can you demonstrate pure motives today?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:8, Psalm 51:6-10, 1 Samuel 16:7 and Hebrews 10:21-23.

Compare David's prayer for purity in Psalm 51:6-10 with Jesus's teaching in Matthew 5:8. How do these passages define purity of the heart, and what is its relationship to "seeing God"?

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Read 1 Samuel 16:7. How does this verse help us understand what Jesus means by being "pure in heart"? What's the difference between outward religious behaviour and purity of the heart?

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Read Hebrews 10:21-23. How does this verse's connection between a "sincere heart" and drawing near to God expand our understanding of Jesus' words in Matthew 5:8? Consider how the imagery of being "sprinkled" and "washed" relates to purity of

heart – is this something we achieve on our own, or is it God's work in us?

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What challenges do you face in maintaining purity of the heart? What practices help you maintain pure thoughts?

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## **Week 7: Blessed are the Peacemakers**

Memory Verse: *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."* (Matthew 5:9)

### **Introduction to this week's study**

In a world torn by conflict - from personal relationships to international warfare - this teaching carries particular weight. The peace Jesus speaks of here goes far beyond the mere absence of conflict. The Hebrew concept of 'shalom,' which would have resonated with His listeners, encompasses complete well-being, wholeness, and harmony in relationship with God and others.

The term "peacemaker" is particularly significant. Jesus doesn't say "blessed are the peaceful" or "blessed are the peace-lovers," but rather blesses those who actively make peace. This is a call to action, to be agents of reconciliation in a fractured world. The profound reward - of being called children of God - reveals that when we engage in genuine peacemaking, we most clearly reflect the character of our heavenly Father, who through Christ has made peace with humanity.

## DAY 1: Understanding Biblical Peace

Scripture: Matthew 5:9, James 3:17-18 and Isaiah 32:17

What characterises heavenly wisdom and peace?

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How is Biblical peace different from worldly peace?

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What does it mean to sow peace? (NIV Translation)

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## DAY 2: The Cost of Peacemaking

Scripture: Matthew 5:10-12, 2 Timothy 3:12 and 1 Peter 3:14-17

How can you remain committed to peace despite the challenges or consequences?

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What promises does God offer to those who face difficulty for the sake of peace?

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## DAY 3: Jesus the Peacemaker

Scripture: Ephesians 2:14-18, Colossians 1:19-20  
and Romans 5:1

How did Jesus make peace between God and humans?

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What barriers did Christ break down?

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How can you follow Christ's example of peacemaking?

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## DAY 4: Practical Peacemaking

Scripture: Romans 14:19, Hebrews 12:14 and 1 Peter 3:8-9

What builds peace in relationships?

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How can you actively pursue peace today?

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What sacrifices might peacemaking require?

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## DAY 5: Rejoicing in Persecution

Scripture: Matthew 5:9 and Romans 14:19

What does it mean to be called a "child of God" because of our role as peacemakers?

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How does making peace bring glory to God and reflect His character?

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How can the reward of being called God's children motivate you to seek peace more actively in your life?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:9, Hebrews 12:14, Romans 12:17-21 and James 3:17-18

Read Colossians 1:19-20. Discuss God's role as the ultimate peacemaker and our call to be peacemakers in Matthew 5:9. How does understanding God's peace-making inform our own?

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Read Ephesians 2:14-18. Discuss how Christ's peacemaking works. How does this passage expand our understanding of what it means to be called "children of God"?

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Read Romans 12:17-21. What's the difference between being a peacekeeper (maintaining surface harmony) and a peacemaker (actively working for true reconciliation)? Share an example from your own experience.

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Read James 3:17-18. How does this passage expand our understanding of what it means to be a peacemaker? What qualities must we cultivate to be peacemakers?

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## **Week 8: Blessed are the Persecuted**

Memory Verse: *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 5:10)

### **Introduction to this week's study**

Notably, Jesus doesn't say "if" persecution comes but speaks with certainty about "those who are persecuted."

The phrase "because of righteousness" is crucial - this isn't about facing consequences for poor choices or being deliberately offensive, but about the persecution that comes from living authentically for Christ. The Greek word for persecution here includes both oppression and personal harassment, suggesting that this opposition can take many forms.

Persecution never is pleasant, but it can be a confirmation that we're living faithfully as citizens of God's kingdom. The promise of the kingdom provides strength and perspective in the face of opposition.

## Day 1: Understanding Persecution

Scripture: Matthew 5:10 and 2 Timothy 3:12

What does it mean to be "persecuted because of righteousness" in today's world?

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How can we discern if our actions reflect God's righteousness rather than self-righteousness?

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In what ways do you think God's kingdom is revealed to those who face persecution?

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## Day 2: The Reward of the Kingdom

Scripture: Matthew 5:11 and John 15:18-19

How does enduring persecution strengthen your relationship with Jesus?

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Why does following Jesus sometimes provoke opposition or misunderstanding?

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How can remembering the promised reward in heaven help you endure trials?

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### Day 3: Rejoicing in Suffering

Scripture: Matthew 5:12 and Acts 5:41

Why do you think Jesus calls us to "rejoice and be glad" during persecution?

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What lessons can we learn from the prophets who endured persecution before us?

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How can joy in suffering become a testimony to others about your faith?

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## Day 4: Trusting God amid Opposition

Scripture: Psalm 34:19 and Isaiah 41:10

How does trusting in God's deliverance change your perspective on persecution?

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In what practical ways can you lean on God when facing opposition?

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How does this verse encourage you to persevere in your faith journey?

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**Prayer**

## Day 5: Loving Your Enemies

Scripture: Matthew 5:44 and Romans 12:14

What does it look like to love and pray for those who persecute you?

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How can choosing love over retaliation reflect the heart of God?

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How does loving your enemies impact your own spiritual growth and testimony?

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**Prayer**

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:10-12, James 1:2-5, 2 Timothy 3:10-14 and 1 Peter 2:19-21

Read Matthew 5:10-12. Jesus says that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are blessed. How can we reconcile this with the natural human instinct to avoid suffering?

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Read James 1:2-5. James speaks of rejoicing in trials and considering them as opportunities for growth. How does this align with the teachings of Jesus in the Matthew 5:10-12 about persecution? What are some practical ways we can cultivate this mindset when facing difficulties?

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Read 2 Timothy 3:10-14. Jesus says in Matthew 5:12, we should "rejoice and be glad" when persecuted, because our "reward is great in heaven." Paul speaks

of enduring everything for the sake of the elect, and reminds us that "if we endure, we will also reign with him." How do these eternal perspectives help shape our response to present suffering?

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Read 1 Peter 2:19-21. Peter writes about suffering unjustly and following Christ's example. How does Christ's response to persecution serve as a model for us? What specific aspects of His response should we follow?

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**DEO GLORIA**

Glory to God -  
Making God's glory known

**COMMUNITY**

Creating community -  
Serving the community

**CHURCH**

A loving family of God  
in Rockingham

**WORD-BASED**

The Bible is the  
foundation of truth

**CHRIST-CENTRED**

Jesus is the centre  
of our faith

**SPIRIT INSPIRED**

God's Spirit inspires us  
to live and proclaim  
His truth

**DISCIPLE-MAKING**

Journeying together,  
following Jesus in obedience