

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

APRIL 14, 2019

1. Read Matthew 5:1-10
2. In the Beatitudes Jesus pronounces a blessing upon all the citizens of His kingdom, i.e. upon the Christian. This means you are blessed. Why is it true that, no matter your circumstances, Jesus can say you are blessed? List why you are blessed.
3. We know that the Beatitudes hold together as one unit. With that in mind, how does the Beatitude, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" fit within the context of the previous Beatitudes?
4. Why is that we conclude from this Beatitude that our hunger and thirst for righteousness is satisfied from something outside of ourselves? Where is it that satisfaction for righteousness is found? Why must we look there over and over and over again throughout our lives?
5. Why is it that your hunger and thirst for righteousness will only be fully satisfied in the future in heaven?
6. What is mercy? How is it seen in God's dealing with us? How is this same quality seen in the Parable of the Good Samaritan?
7. In saying, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy," it sounds almost like receiving mercy is contingent on being merciful. How is it that you know that's not what Jesus is saying? Since Jesus is not saying the one is contingent on the other, what is He saying?
8. Where and how does the blessing mercy come to us in this life? Why is it that Jesus says that we shall receive mercy in the future even though we have received it now? What's different about mercy now versus the mercy we will experience in heaven?
9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!