

Hungry Hearts

Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 3

Scripture text: Matthew 5:1-12

Three weeks ago, we began a new series on Jesus' Sermon-on-the-Mount. It is the greatest sermon ever preached and our in-depth study will continue through the Fall.

Introduction

- The Beatitudes are the qualities that Jesus said necessarily describe & distinguish his _____.
- He did not choose these qualities at _____. Neither is the _____ random.
- Most scholars divide the Beatitudes into 2 categories:
 - 1) Those having to do with our relationship to _____ (#'s 1-4); and
 - 2) Those having to do with our relationship to _____ (#'s 5-8).

Poor in Spirit

- This is the _____ characteristic of the Christian. You cannot _____ a Christian unless you are poor in spirit.
- To be "poor in spirit" is to have the _____ that you go to God _____. You have nothing to _____ him and have nothing to _____ yourself to him.
- It is the _____ of the attitude that pervades our culture. We're taught to think we have lots to _____ and we can accomplish _____ so long as we just _____ in ourselves.
- We don't _____ poor in spirit; it's a matter of _____ what we truly are.

Mournful

- The Christian life includes deep _____ over sin and its effects.
- John Stott: "*There is such a thing as Christian _____ and too few of us ever _____ them.*"
- Two failures (Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones):
 - 1) The failure to understand _____.
 - 2) A shallow concept of _____.

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Hungering & Thirsting for Righteousness

- What drives us? Most people are driven to be _____. However, this often _____ us or is only _____.
- According to Jesus, happiness is never something that should be sought after _____, but rather is the result of pursuing _____.
- Putting _____ before _____ dooms us to _____.
- “*Righteous*” simply means _____ with _____.
- Two aspects:
 - 1) _____ righteousness occurs the moment we trust in _____.
 - 2) _____ righteousness is our continual striving to _____ God through our character & conduct.
- Do you want to be happy? Then stop _____ it and pursue _____ instead.

Family Discussion Questions

1. We’re constantly being told to “believe in ourselves.” What is right & wrong with this advice?
2. What is our family striving for? Is our answer consistent with how we live day-to-day?

Small Group Questions

If you would like a list of questions suitable for a small group meeting, email Pastor Dan at dhawn@fbcharlan.org.