

## IMAGINE REDEMPTION

**“Follow God’s example therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2**

### **The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:2-12**

#### **1. “BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.” (Vs. 3)**

- If you do not live with humility before God, you cannot live with mercy towards others.

When Jesus gives the invitation for a lifestyle of being poor in spirit, he is saying that every day we must approach God being aware of two things:

- 1.) We must approach God fully aware that we have nothing to offer.
- 2.) We must approach God fully aware that He has everything we need.

#### **2. “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.” (Vs.4)**

Jesus is speaking about mourning our sinfulness and brokenness.

We mourn our own brokenness and the brokenness of our world not to remain crippled by guilt, but to recognize the power of God’s grace over our lives and the power He gives us to be freed from our sin.

**“Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

#### **3. “BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.” (Vs.5)**

A “meek” person is one who is *humble, gentle, and not aggressive.*

A “meek” person is one who suffers in love or loves in patience.

#### **4. “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.” (Vs.6)**

- What are you hungry for?
- Do you crave a life that pleases God more than anything?

#### **5. “BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.” (Vs.7)**

- Grace is not getting what we do deserve.
- Mercy is getting what we do not deserve.

We must be people who share the grace of Jesus and invite other people into the mercy of a relationship with God.

#### **6. “BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART- FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.” (Vs.8)**

This is a simple, but profound statement.

Jesus is simply asking us to examine our motives in life.

- Whose kingdom are you building – mine or yours?

#### **7. “BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, THE PERSECUTED, AND THE SLANDERED.” (Vs.9-10)**

- ❖ THE BEATITUDES ARE OUR TRAIL MARKERS ON A JOURNEY OF REDEMPTION.

**“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.” 1 Corinthians 1:27**

- God wants you be redeemed so you can live a victorious life in Christ.
- He wants to take the broken pieces of your life, the ones that are failures in the eyes of the world and make them something beautiful for His Glory.