

Refined The Beatitudes



a constant reminder of God's goodness, faithfulness,
and His patient work of shaping us into
people who reflect His image

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Jesus started His famous sermon with these words and they inhabit a place of great importance in understanding what it means to live in the Kingdom of God. 'Beatitude' means supreme blessedness, ultimate happiness, or a state of complete joy. The word comes from the Latin word 'beatus', which means blessed or happy. The interesting aspect of this is that a lot of the attributes that Jesus lists don't initially seem like things that lead to earthly happiness, but they are the fruit of Christian character that is rooted in God.

This series was thoughtfully designed to reflect the concept of spiritual refinement. The Beatitudes describe in tangible ways what it looks like to have the character of Christ not only deposited, but refined in us. The minerals pictured throughout this resource are shown both in their unrefined and refined states. They represent the process we enter into as believers to be sifted, cut, buffed, and polished by the things we encounter this side of eternity with the hope of eternal blessedness in mind.

Blessed
are the poor
in spirit,
for theirs is
the kingdom
of heaven.

POOR IN SPIRIT

the knowledge that our dependence is
on God and not ourselves

COMPANION VERSE

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or
conceit, but in humility count others
more significant than yourselves.”
-Philippians 2:3

AS YOU GO

Where is an area where you can trust
God instead of yourself? What does
inhabiting the Kingdom mean to you?



Blessed
are those
who mourn,
for they
shall be
comforted.

MOURNING

grieving what is broken and longing
for the comfort of God

COMPANION VERSE

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.”
-Psalm 34:18

AS YOU GO

What are you mourning? Where are you
seeking God's comfort?



Blessed
are the
meek,
for they
shall inherit
the earth.

MEEKNESS

not weakness; rather strength
in restraint

COMPANION VERSE

“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy
and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and
patience.” -Colossians 3:12

AS YOU GO

Pray for God to show you how you can
approach your world with “strength in
restraint,” trusting God to pour humility
and compassion into your heart.



Blessed
are those
who hunger
and thirst for
righteousness,
for they shall
be satisfied.

HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

desiring deeply what is right in God's eyes

COMPANION VERSE

“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

-Psalm 63:1

AS YOU GO

How have you seen righteousness growing in
your life? Have you been satisfying your appetite
with things that lessen your appetite for Him?



Blessed
are the
merciful,
for they
shall receive
mercy.

MERCIFUL

extending to others the compassion and forgiveness we have received from God

COMPANION VERSE

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.”
-Ephesians 2:4-5

AS YOU GO

Think about the ways that God has been merciful to you. Think about ways you can be merciful to others.



Blessed
are the pure
in heart,
for they
shall see
God.

PURE IN HEART

having single-minded devotion to God

COMPANION VERSE

“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.”

-Psalm 24:3-4

AS YOU GO

Ask God each day to help you be single-minded in the way that you view Him in the midst of your surroundings.



Blessed
are the
peacemakers,
for they shall
be called sons
of God.

PEACEMAKING

actively pursuing God's peace and reconciliation, even in the midst of difficulty;
peacemaking, not peacekeeping

COMPANION VERSE

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." -James 3:17-18

AS YOU GO

Are you being a peacemaker or a peacekeeper in situations around you? How can you trust God to help you be a peacemaker?



Blessed
are those who
are persecuted
for righteousness'
sake,
for they
shall receive
mercy.

PERSECUTION

remaining faithful to God's ways even when it is costly

COMPANION VERSE

"But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled."

-1 Peter 3:14

AS YOU GO

Pray for the persecuted church. Pray that God would care for them, give them strength to speak, and strength to stand in the midst of hardship.



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.

REVEILED

to be rejected or ridiculed because of your faith in Jesus

COMPANION VERSE

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” -1 Peter 5:10

AS YOU GO

Jesus reminds us to rejoice and be glad when we walk through these trials. Think and pray about ways that you might be able to rejoice and be glad no matter the circumstances.

