

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FLIP IT WEEK 1

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

According to our world, what does the “blessed” life look like? If you had to paint a picture of where that person lived, what they had, etc., how would you characterize their life? Where did this idea of blessing come from? How did we come to equate blessing with material affluence?

Read Matthew 5:3-12. How does Jesus describe the blessed life? How does His picture of blessing compare/contrast with what our world normally pictures? As you think about the Beatitudes, what would our world’s version of these sayings look like? See if you can craft your own version of the beatitudes from our culture’s perspective.

Kyle talked about how we have the tendency to “stage” our lives in the same way someone might stage a house. What are some of the ways people do that today? Why do you think we feel such a need to make our lives look perfect? How has social media made this tendency worse?

In the first Beatitude, Jesus said the “poor in Spirit” are blessed. What does it mean to have “poverty of spirit”? How do we try to present ourselves as “middle class in spirit”? What qualities/characteristics define someone who is truly poor in spirit? How does the Gospel remind us that we have nothing we can bring to God that can save us?

The second Beatitude pronounces blessing on those who mourn. In your opinion, which of the first two Beatitudes is the most contrary to the way our world works? Why? What are some of the reasons why it is difficult for us to mourn? In what ways can a failure to mourn actually keep us from emotional/spiritual health?

Kyle challenged us to be a church where people know it’s okay to not be okay. What would an environment like that feel like? How can your Group be a part of helping to create that environment? Close in prayer together, asking God to create a place in your Group – and in the church – where people can be transparent in all things.