

1. Connect

Question of the Day. If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go?

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

This past Sunday we heard Albert preach on the Beatitudes. Read the passage below (Matthew 5:1-12) and jump into the questions that follow.

“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

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

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

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

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

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

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

- Words like blessed and poor, don't typically go together. If you're honest, what are the things you think of to determine if someone is blessed by God? Do you feel blessed by God in this season?
- In this sermon, Jesus introduces a way of life that is completely backwards. It's a counter cultural approach to living. What about Jesus' framework for living challenges the way you are currently living your life? What about Jesus' Kingdom challenges us as a community, and even a nation?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- Living into this counter cultural Kingdom takes a new set of eyes, to see things how Jesus sees them. How can you begin to take steps to see what Jesus sees and value what Jesus values?

4. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

*If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Praying Big Prayers series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.

