

1. How would you define the word “blessed?”
2. What does it look like to be “poor in spirit?”
3. Rewrite these verses from chapter 5 in your own words:
Vs. 5 –
Vs. 6 –
Vs. 8 –
Vs. 10-11 –
4. **Personal Sharing:** Have you ever been insulted, persecuted, spoken evil about *because* of your association with Jesus? What was your reaction?
5. Can you identify areas in your life where Jesus wants you to shine brightly and stand out as a Jesus follower, not for your own sake, but in order to draw people to Him? Be specific.
6. What the Jews referred to as “the Law and the Prophets,” we would identify as the entire Old Testament. What does Jesus mean when he says he came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets?
7. The Pharisees and the Teachers of the Law were known for their “righteous” living. Why did Jesus criticize them?
8. In vs. 21-48, Jesus raises the bar for those who would keep the Law. In each case, show how the expectation is deepened and intensified by Jesus:
Vs. 21-26: “Do not murder” →
Vs. 27-32: “Do not commit adultery” →
Vs. 33-37: “Do not break your oath” →
Vs. 38-42: “Eye for eye, tooth for tooth” →
Vs. 43-47: “Love your neighbor, hate your enemy” →
9. Are you specifically convicted by any of those “deeper” commands? If so, what will you do about it?
10. **Personal Sharing:** How does verse 48 sit with you? Do you see it as a literal command, or as hyperbole?
11. Usually, the things we keep secret are the negative, impure, unholy behaviors or thoughts we don’t want people to see. How does Jesus turn “secret keeping” around in verses 1-18 of chapter 6?
12. In your own words, rewrite the prayer Jesus models for his disciples in vs. 9-13.

Sermon Notes

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