



The Sermon on the Mount / Week 2

Matthew 5:2-12 ESV

Believer, you are who God in Christ says you are, not what you do! Beloved, adopted, his child, righteous, redeemed, co-heirs with Christ...!

- Jesus teaches that being is greater than doing, or that our character is greater than our competence. Where do you struggle with getting your self-worth from the things that you do?
- How do you define a successful life? From the Beatitudes, how does Jesus define a successful life? Where do your priorities need to change in order to line up with Jesus'?
- Are you prepared to take the long journey with Jesus to become more like him, not just immediately doing things for him? Where are you "addicted to outcomes"?
- Am I willing to allow Jesus to shape who I am and who I am becoming?

1. Becoming who Jesus wants us to be is a continual process.

- Have you humbled yourself before Almighty God, and in repentance and faith trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? This is the essence of being "poor in spirit".
- Will you confront your pain, laying it at the feet of Jesus, and cast all your cares on him? This is God's will for you, as opposed to seeking to ignore your pain.
- Where are you trying to prove yourself to God or the world, instead of just resting in who Jesus says you are?

2. What I pursue impacts who I become.

- You can have as much of God as you want. - AW Tozer
- Where do you seek for satisfaction in this life apart from God?
- Do you believe that God is enough to the point that you will be merciful with others as God has been merciful to you?
- What motivates you to pursue the things that you do?

3. You will be counter-cultural.

- Have you ever been legitimately persecuted for the sake of Jesus? Share this story with the group. Did you consider yourself blessed by God in the midst of this?

- God is the ultimate peace maker. Will you determine through the power of the Holy Spirit to imitate your Heavenly Father and make peace with as many as is possible for you? (Romans 12:18; Ephesians 5:1).
- The way God is asking you to be is the way that God already is. RT Kendell
- What one Beatitude did the Holy Spirit prick your heart with during the sermon that you will commit to change in this week?