



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 28th January 2018

Series- Hearing & doing!

His kingdom come!

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

Matthew 5:3

1. Living life in the kingdom (Matt 5:1-12)

2. You are salt & light. (Matthew 5:13-16)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. The central purpose of the genre of gospel is the proclamation of the good news about Jesus. In what ways do these beatitudes function as “good news?”
2. Read Matthew 5:1-12. What are the attributes or characteristics of those who are blessed according to Jesus here? (ie: poor in spirit)
3. Read Matthew 5:1-12. What are the promises attached to these characteristics? (ie: theirs is the kingdom.) What do they reveal about the nature of the blessing?
4. Read Matthew 5:11-12. Why is persecution seen as a cause for rejoicing by Jesus?
5. Read Matthew 5:13-16. What are the two images that are given here by Jesus to describe the calling and vocation of disciples and what is their purpose?

B. Meditation & application

6. As you look at the attributes or characteristics in the beatitudes how are they counter cultural and upside down? How could you embrace them in your life and what might that look like?
7. As you look at the promises of the beatitudes what does it reveal to you about the purposes of God for your life?
8. How do these first 12 verses challenge you, encourage you and give you hope?
9. What are some ways you can be both salt and light in your workplace/ in your home, in our church/ in our community?
10. What challenge does this teaching of Jesus concerning the kingdom provide for you and your vision of what a good life looks like? In what ways does Jesus embody the beatitudes in both their characteristics/values and in their attached promises? What does that say about him?

Dear heavenly Father, Your kingdom is nothing like our vision of our own kingdoms. Thankyou for telling a different story, thankyou for embodying something more beautiful. Help us in our calling to be both salt and light. May your Spirit help us tell a kingdom story with our individual and our cooperate lives. For the glory of the Father we pray- Amen.