

## “Bless Our Hearts (Part 2)”

Matthew 5:7-12

### **REVIEW OF PART 1 (Matthew 5:1-6)**

- The Greek word for “blessed” is the word μακάριος (makarios). It literally means to be “enlarged.”
- Last week’s BIG IDEA: Before we can be blessed by God, we must first be broken before God.

#### **1. God’s kingdom is for the HELPLESS (v.3)**

- If you don’t think you need help from God, you’ll never experience heaven with God.

#### **2. God’s kingdom is for the HURTING (v.4)**

- If you’ve never been broken, you have no need for a comforter.

#### **3. God’s kingdom is for the HUMBLE (v.5)**

- If you seek your reward now, you’ll miss the greatest reward forever.

#### **4. God’s kingdom is for the HUNGRY (v.6)**

- If you try and fulfill yourself with the things of the world, you’ll never truly be satisfied.

### **Today’s BIG IDEA:**

***Blessed people respond to broken people like Christ does.***

#### **5. God’s kingdom is for the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7)**

(Hebrews 2:17)

#### **The culture’s message:**

Blessed are the ruthless.

#### **Christ’s message:**

If you want to receive mercy, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ mercy.

#### **6. God’s kingdom is for the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8)**

(Proverbs 20:9; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-12)

#### **The culture’s message:**

Blessed are those who cut corners.

#### **Christ’s message:**

If you want to see a pure \_\_\_\_\_, you have to have a pure heart.

#### **7. God’s kingdom is for the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)**

(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

#### **The culture’s message:**

Blessed are those who mind their own business and avoid conflict.

#### **Christ’s message:**

If God brought you peace, how can you withhold that peace from others?

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## 8. God's kingdom is for the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10-12)

(James 1:12; 2 Timothy 3:12; 2 Corinthians 5:1)

### The culture's message:

Blessed are those who are never persecuted.

### Christ's message:

If you try to avoid persecution, you'll end up avoiding \_\_\_\_\_.

- *You can't follow the Savior without sharing in his suffering.*

### ONE FINAL WORD:

The beatitudes aren't the mark of \_\_\_\_\_ Christians.  
They should be the mark of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. What would it look like to be merciful? To be a peacemaker?  
Why are these beatitudes so difficult to live out?
2. Are you afraid of persecution? Why/why not? What  
persecutions have you faced? How have you remained faithful  
in the midst of persecution?
3. How is Jesus the model of each of the beatitudes? How do the  
beatitudes show us our need for Jesus?