Sunday, April 21, 2024

Begin: Take this time to hear how everyone is doing, and get settled.

- What is something to celebrate from this past week?
- IceBreaker: How have you seen Nebraska as its motto states...
 "The Good Life"?
- Would most people agree with this motto?

<u>Listen</u>: Reflections on Sunday's Sermon and thoughts from the message

- What stood out to you about this week's message?
- Is there anything you still are thinking about or have questions about?

<u>Discover</u>: Take time to dig deeper into the passage/topic for this week.

- Read: Matthew 5:1-12
- Blessed can also be translated as Flourishing, What are the marks of a person our culture would consider blessed?
- What about this passage is counter-cultural? How?
- How does Jesus letting us know that there is a reward for those who fit the description of the Beatitudes help us embrace these values?
- What does it mean to be poor in Spirit? How can you tell if someone is poor in spirit? (Read Psalm 34:17-18, Psalm 51:17)
- Meekness means not timidity but humility. Why would Jesus' promise to the meek surprise many people today?

Apply: Take time to apply these Biblical Truths to your own life

- Which of these Beatitude statements do you find the most challenging?
- What two or three things could you start doing to cultivate an appetite for righteousness?
- How do verses 10-12 encourage Christians who suffer for identifying with and living for Jesus?
- Which beatitude are you most eager to cultivate in your life?
- What is one practical step you can take beginning this week?

My One Thing — What is your 1 takeaway from this study and how will
t impact your upcoming week?

Pray: Feel free to pray in a way that best fits your group. Take time each week to pray with and for each other.

Notes: Space for your notes from your time together. Added Memory verse at the bottom to keep these truths in your mind.

