

THE BEATITUDES

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## WORSHIP

Begin by reading Psalm 103, a call to praise God for His goodness to us.

## FELLOWSHIP

There are now 25 hours in a day! How do you spend your extra hour?

## DISCUSSION

1. What did you learn from Mike's sermon on Sunday? Any insight is welcome.
2. Read Matt. 5:1-5

*What does it mean to be 'blessed'? And why is it surprising that Jesus labels these people blessed?*

*Why do you think Jesus began His sermon with these words?*

*Can you recall a time where God's future promises comforted you during a present pain?*

3. Read Matt. 5:6-12

*Share any observations about these verses amongst yourselves.*

*How does Jesus Himself fulfill these blessings? How did He exemplify these characteristics during His life?*

*How can your group pursue these in your daily lives? Perhaps choose 1, and brainstorm some things you can do to seek out purity of heart, mercy etc.*

## PRAYER

Share any prayer requests with the group. If you choose, you may conclude with this prayer from The Valley of Vision:

*"Lord, High and Holy, Meek and Lowly, Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights... Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision."*

