



DIGGING DEEPER

The Good Life

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to fopc.org/sermon or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something from this text or the message this weekend that stood out to you?
2. One of the major points this weekend was that Jesus is explaining to the crowd that they have access to the Kingdom of Heaven, despite their circumstances. What are some of the ways you have disqualified yourself from being a part of the Kingdom?
3. Jesus' beatitudes were specific to the people who were listening to his sermon. He was telling them what they desperately needed to hear in order to realize they could be included in God's Kingdom as well. Is there anything that you needed to "hear," whether from God or others, in order to trust or follow Jesus in a more meaningful way?
4. We learned that the people who were listening to the Sermon on the Mount were Spiritual Zeros, rather than Spiritual Heroes. How does it motivate you to know that Jesus' beatitudes were spoken to Spiritual Zeros?

PRAY [Close your group in a time of prayer!]



Make sure to plan some sort of party or gathering outside of your normal group schedule!
(Halloween is a good option!)

KEY SCRIPTURE [Matthew 5:3-20]

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.