

the TAKE HOME

Today's Scripture Passage: *Matthew 5:1-10*

1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them, saying: 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 sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Are you in denial or do you have a good idea of the weaknesses and character defects? Ask someone who knows you well about this.
- Do you recognize your need for God? How so?
- Which one of the road signs meant the most to you today? Why?
- Have you consciously chosen to commit your life and will to Christ's care and control? Are you holding any part of yourself back?
- Is there someone that you are trying to help with a problem in their life? Which road sign do you think would help him most? Will you share it with him?

For Further Reading:

- *Life's Healing Choices*, John Baker
- *Celebrate Recovery Participant's Guides 1-4*
- *Celebrate Recovery Bible*

Sermon Notes



Road Sign #1: Blessed are the poor in spirit... Matt. 5:3
Realize I'm not God admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing my life is unmanageable.



Road Sign #2: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matt. 5:4
Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.



Road Sign #3: Blessed are the meek...Matt.5:5
Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.



Road Sign #4: Blessed are the pure in heart...Matt. 5:8
Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.



Road Sign #5: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... Matt. 5:6
Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.



Road Sign #6: Blessed are the merciful...Matt. 5:7
Blessed are the peacemakers...Matt. 5:9
Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.



Road Sign #7 Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life, and to gain the power to follow His will.



Road Sign #8: Blessed are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires (GNT). Matt. 5:10
Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.