Sunday, October 11, 2026

Life in the Kingdom
The Beatitudes

Read/Reflect

1. What do you notice about the setting, audience, and repeated words in Matthew 5:1–12? Why might Matthew include these details?

2. In your own words, what does Jesus mean by “blessed”? How is this different from simply being happy or comfortable?

3. How do the promises attached to each Beatitude help explain what Jesus is announcing about the kingdom of heaven?

Explore

4. Why do you think Jesus begins with the poor in spirit? What does spiritual poverty look like in practice?

5. What does it mean “to hunger and thirst for righteousness?” Where do you most long to see God set things right—in your own life, your relationships, your community, or the wider world?

6. Which Beatitudes describe an inner posture, and which describe actions toward others? How do the two belong together?

7. How do the Beatitudes challenge the ways you tend to define (or our culture defines) success, strength, security, and a good life?

Pray

- Thank God that we do not have to prove our worth to him, and that by his grace we are blessed with worth and value.

- That God would meet you where you are needy, sad, or unsure, or that where we are confident in life he would make us hungry for righteousness.