



Beatitudes – Week 1

Icebreaker:

1. Who is the best teacher you ever had?

Read Matthew 5:1-12

1. What stood out to you about Matthew 5:1-12? Which of the Beatitudes really stuck out to you?
2. What is the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount?
3. What does it mean to be blessed?
 - a. In what ways have you experienced something of the blessings described here? Is Jesus referring to a benefit we received now or to some sort of future reward? Or is it both?
4. According to the teaching, what does it mean to be poor in spirit? When is a time you have felt poor in spirit?
5. Can you think of any other verses in Scripture that relate to Matthew 5:5? (*James 1:19-21*)
 - a. How do these two verses relate to each other?
6. Who do you think of when you think of someone who is meek?
 - a. What are some ways you can show meekness this upcoming week?
7. What does it mean to show mercy to someone?
 - a. When have you been shown mercy or when have you shown mercy to others?
8. How can you grow in showing mercy?
9. What is an example of being pure in heart?
10. Why does Jesus tell us to be peacemakers? What are we called if we become peacemakers, according to the text?

New City Catechism Question 11

Question: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

Answer: Sixth, that we do not hurt or hate our neighbor. Seventh, that we live purely and faithfully. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else.

Verse: For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." – **Romans 13:9**