

Cell Notes 23/01/11

Ice Breaker; Where would you like to spend a lot of time?

Theme ; The Be Attitudes

Reading; Matthew 5 ; 1-16

Sermon Outline

In this passage Jesus is teaching us about our attitude to life our attitude to people

These notes are the key points in each verse.

3. You are blessed when you are at the end of your rope, with less of you there is more of God and his rule.
4. When you have lost what is dear to you, when you grieve for that loss God's love for you will make the difference.
5. When you are content with your lot in life and happy with who you are then the things that REALLY matter belong to us.
6. Have you got a daily appetite for the good things of God?. When we hunger for God's ways he will fill us. Does God ever say "There was so much more I wanted to give you if only you had asked"?
7. This is about caring for people. Putting ourselves in their shoes and not judging them. It doesn't take much to show we care and in turn Jesus says He will be care for us
8. Imagine having a mind cleansed of all the debris that blocks our best intentions. Imagine if each time you saw another person your first thought was to pray for them or bless them. Imagine genuinely wishing your enemies well. That sounds like someone hungering for the things of God, it's showing mercy to others and it wants to be pure in our thoughts and actions.
9. A peacemaker wants to cooperate instead of competing and fighting.
10. This can be about the things that are said and done to hurt us because we go to church.
11. When someone has a go at you because of your faith in Jesus heaven applauds your stand. People often attack when the truth is uncomfortably close at hand. As Christians we should be prepared for verses 10 and 11.

13-16 This is Jesus sending us out to live in His name to bring God's kingdom to earth. We are here to make a difference.

Questions of Application

- 1) Read the passage. What does Jesus mean by the term blessed?
- 2) Is Jesus describing who his followers are? Or prescribing what they must do? Why do you think so?
- 3) Which two of the Beatitudes do you most desire in your life right now?
- 4) Which of these qualities are you most tempted to avoid?
- 5) How do we lose our saltiness or hide our light?
- 6) Based on the Beatitudes what best describes the light in your life currently
A flickering candle? The light of a match? A steady camp fire? A blazing furnace?
How can you add fuel to the fire?