

1. Last week and this week we looked at the first part of the Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes. What are some things you have learned through this teaching that you didn't realize before? Have heard, but forgotten? Need to walk out in your life by God's power?

2. Read **Matthew 5:1-12**.

What is mercy? Why is being merciful a requirement for receiving mercy? How do you respond to the statement: **The amount of mercy you show is usually the result of the amount of mercy you know.** How have you seen this played out in real life? What verses can you point to that would say Christ followers are to be merciful to others?

How can you tell whether you're "pure of heart"? What does this mean for us, knowing that we will not be completely perfect until eternity? (cf. 1 John 3:2-3).

How does peace play a central part in the Bible's story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration? How can we reflect and participate in that story with our peacemaking?

Why is persecution a necessary part of the Christian life? How does Christ's death and resurrection give us comfort in the face of persecution? How has persecution fueled the spread of Christianity? What rewards does God promise for those who are experiencing persecution? (cf. **1 Peter 4:12-13**)

3. The Beatitudes describe a high calling for Christ followers. How does your relationship with God and your relationship to one another give you the ability to act in the ways described in the Beatitudes? Where do you need help? In what ways is God working in and through you to make you more like Jesus?



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**TODAY'S MESSAGE:**  
**SERMON ON THE MOUNT**  
*Members of the Upside Down Kingdom, 2*  
**NEXT WEEK:**  
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*Living the Kingdom Life | Matthew 5:13-16*

**WORSHIP ORDER**  
*I THANK GOD*  
**WELCOME**  
*YES I WILL*

**CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS**  
**Sundays**  
**Romans Study**  
*Room 202 | 9:00am*  
**Berean Class**  
*Room 203 | 9:30am*  
**Alternative Adult Elective**  
*Overflow Room | 9:30am*  
**Thursday 7:00pm**  
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*THE BLESSING*  
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## UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

### WELCOME TO NORTHAMPTON!

We're glad you've decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

### LIFE GROUPS

If you are not connecting into a smaller group at Northampton - today's the day to start! Check out the Church Center App for all available groups, and get connected right now!

### SISTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Beginning in May! Ladies - we all need prayers and encouragement so be sure to join other ladies and lift each other up! Information sheets are available today in the lobby! See Kelly Pryor if you have any questions.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

As we come to the end of our fiscal year (which runs May to April), we are preparing for our Annual Business Meeting that will be held after the Worship Service on May 15. At this time, we will vote on board positions and the new budget for 2022-2023. If you are member in good standing please plan to attend in order to vote on these matters.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC is requesting the following items for the month of April - May for the **packing party in July**. Please drop donations into the box in the lobby!

#### **Boys (ages 10-14)**

- \*Action Figures (Boys)
- \*Whistles
- \*Coloring books/note pads
- \*T-Shirts, socks, hats, shoes, flip-flops
- \*Washcloths & soap
- \*Yo-yo
- \*Musical toys (harmonica, flutes, etc.)
- \*Stuffed Animals
- \*Hairbrushes & Combs
- \*Small balls (soccer balls or small balls that would fit in a shoe box deflated)
- \*School supplies
- \*Legos

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The next Men's Breakfast (the second Saturday of each month) will be on May 14 at 8:00am. Sign up in the lobby!

## MESSAGE NOTES

PASTOR JOE PRYOR

**True joy is found in belonging to and walking in obedience in the Kingdom of God.**

### **As Kingdom-Minded People...**

- A. Delight in your **spiritual bankruptcy** apart from God's grace. (5:1-3)
- B. Delight in your deep grief over **sin** because God will comfort you. (5:4)
- C. Delight in your **dependence** on and your **sumission** to God and He will reward you. (5:5)
- D. Delight in your **longing** for God and see God satisfy you in Him. (5:6)
- E. Delight in graciously \_\_\_\_\_ others, knowing God will do the same to you. (5:7)

The amount of mercy you \_\_\_\_\_ is usually the result of the amount of mercy you \_\_\_\_\_ .

- F. Delight in a \_\_\_\_\_, for you will enjoy eternal fellowship with God. (5:8)

God is more concerned with \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.

- G. Delight in being a \_\_\_\_\_ because it is evidence you are a child of the God of Peace. (5:9)

- H. Delight in inevitable \_\_\_\_\_ because you will receive a great reward - and you're not alone (5:10-12)

Living like Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ persecution. (John 15:18-19; 1 John 3:13)