

The Beatitudes Focus Sheet

2" And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3" Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- *Did I rely on Jesus today to keep me in right relationship with God or were there moments I thought I was doing God a favor by serving Him?*

4" Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

- *Did I spend any time in confession and repentance of my sin today?*
- *Was I honestly sorry for offending God?*

5" Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

- *Did I flaunt my position or authority today for selfish gain?*
- *Did I speak of myself too highly or exaggerate my role or function?*
- *Was I patient, longsuffering and gentle or was I belligerent and impatient?*

6" Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- *Did I thank Christ that He was my only way to God today?*
- *Did I live in right relationship with others?*
- *Did I live in right relationship with the world?*

7" Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

- *Did I do anything to make anyone's life better today?*
- *Did I help or bless anyone in a tangible way?*
- *Did I encourage anyone who was hurting or downtrodden today?*
- *Were my eyes even open to seek such opportunities or was I too self-absorbed?*

8" Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

- *Did I pursue holiness and obedience today?*
- *Was there any duplicity of behavior in my life today or was the way I acted consistently honoring to Christ?*
- *Would I have acted differently if my "church friends" had been around?*
- *Did my thought life reflect that Christ lives in me?*

9" Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

- *Did I leave a conflict unresolved?*
- *Was there any conflict I unnecessarily caused?*
- *Was there any conflict or injustice that I should have acted upon but avoided?*

10" Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- *Did I live my life so radically for Christ that I was noticeably different from others?*
- *Were there any attitudes or behaviors that would have made people say, "He's no different than me," or did I exhibit a life that is being transformed to Christ's image?*
- *Was I persecuted or ridiculed for my faith?*
- *Am I experiencing Christ more through any suffering?*