

## **THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

### **APRIL 25, 2021**

*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” - Jesus*

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. Have you ever really studied the beatitudes before? What most surprises you?
2. What are some ways our world hungers and thirsts for things that can not satisfy us?
3. How does Webster’s dictionary define righteousness? What would it look like for you to hunger and thirst after righteousness?
4. How does our treatment of others demonstrate what we think about how God treats us? How does this study change your perspective on your treatment of others? How would a merciful community stand out in our world?
5. Read 1 John 1:5-10. Does pure in heart mean that we are sinless? If not, what does it mean to be pure in heart?
6. In what ways is your heart impure, divided, distracted, and distanced from God? How does this keep us from “seeing God”?
7. What are some specific ways we can be a peacemaker:  
In our home:  
In our church:  
In our community:  
In our nation:
8. Read Ephesians 2:13-18. How does Christ both (1) empower new life in us and (2) model the new life of his kingdom for us.
9. According to the beatitudes in verses 10-12, what reasons are given for why followers of Jesus will be persecuted? Why should we feel that our life was “blessed” or flourishing if we are experiencing persecution?
10. How have Jesus’ beatitudes challenged your assumptions about what it means to flourish in life or live a life that is blessed?