

be different be blessed

Message Title: **The First Lesson of the Kingdom**

Matthew 5:1-3 | Sunday AM, February 2nd, 2020 | Pastor Jack Lamb

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. **2** Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

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

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

5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

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

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

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

11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **12** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Introduction

Sermon Application Questions

1. *Why is God's way often backwards to the world? and to believers?*
2. *How should we measure our growth as disciples of Christ?*
3. *What is the main difference between a Christian and a non-Christian? (consider 1 Cor. 12:3)*
4. *What do we need to enter God's kingdom? Discuss how to help unbelievers see this.*
5. *What pressures distract us from a focus on eternal priorities? How can we counter them?*

Sunday Evening Sermon Notes

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you mediate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?