



REALITY CHECK Matthew 5:1-12

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1. What insight, principle, or observation from this message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. Have you ever experienced a difficult situation where you felt blessed by God even in the midst of that situation?
3. If so, what was that like for you?
4. In verses 3 to 9, Jesus shares seven opportunities to be blessed by God. As you think through each of these seven opportunities answer these questions:
 - 1) What does it mean to be _____? (i.e. What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?)
 - 2) How does one become _____? (i.e. How does one become “poor in spirit”?)
 - 3) What does it mean for you (i.e. What does being “poor in spirit” mean to you)?
 - 4) What steps could you take to be more _____? (i.e. In order to be more “poor in spirit” I could _____.)

5. In verses 10 and 11, Jesus shares opportunities to be blessed by God which are not ones which we usually seek after. What are they?
6. Have you ever experienced the kinds of opportunities that Jesus is describing in verses 10 and 11?
7. If so, what was that like for you?
8. In verse 12, how does Jesus encourage us to respond to these opportunities?
9. When Jesus encouraged His listeners to respond this way, what do you think He was trying to teach them?
10. How might we grow in our dependence on God if we were to see persecution as an opportunity to be blessed by God?
11. How might God be glorified if we learn to depend on Him (perhaps even to be desperate for Him) in the midst of persecution?
12. Thinking back through the nine opportunities for blessing that Jesus shares, how might these truths be experienced in your life?