



THE BIG IDEA

Following Jesus will cost you something. Your faith is not only about you. It is also about those who are listening in to your relationship with God.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

Sometimes we have to leave the crowds and get close to Jesus to hear the foundational truths about discipleship.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Ask yourself what truly matters. Are you just blending into your surrounding culture? What are you going to do to flip it on its head?

START HERE

We want our entire church to be a part of the conversation. If you missed any of the messages from Sunday, you can catch up [here](#).

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This week's message begins our series on the Beatitudes. Ryan gave an overview of why the Beatitudes are important to the Christian life. Here are some questions to stimulate conversation in your group.

The Beatitudes in Matthew

Take some time to read and meditate on the scripture for this series.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Book- *Seeking God's Face: Praying with the Bible through the year*- [BUY](#)
- More resources posted on the Forefront blog- [READ](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6th - 7th

- Forefront Marriage Retreat [Sign Up](#)

January 13th

- Newcomer's Dinner [Sign up](#)

February 4th

- Baptism Service [Sign Up](#)

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Questions

How does Jesus' idea of "blessed" differ from the American dream?

In what ways has following Jesus cost you something?

When you first started following Jesus, did you expect it to cost you something?

BENEDICTION

Holy God of Love,

There is light in our lives because of
the abundance of your steadfast love.
A love so vast, so deep, so real, that
you became one of us. May we live
within the power of this love. And may
we share its light with a world where
too many dwell in darkness.

Amen