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5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

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

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

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

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

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

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

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

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

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

(Matthew 5:1-16)

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Study questions:

1. How is God's kingdom breaking into this world (now, as well as "not yet") through the Sermon on the Mount?
2. A blueprint for the new society outlines the direction for that country's way of life. What is the emphatic theme for the new society (it is repeated 9 X) expressed in this passage?
3. What kind of person has a place in the Kingdom of heaven?
4. Please comment on the following...No achievements could earn us a place in heaven.
5. How is the mourning (v4) related to us not being the people we should be?
6. What is true hunger and true thirst and how does this relate to kingdom people?
7. What are the attributes of the kind of person who responds to the work of Jesus at Calvary?
8. How does true poverty make you rich in Christ?
9. How do our hearts grow insensitive to sin and how do we turn that around?
10. Why is it paramount that our attitude toward the Lord and our attitude to one another are kept in sync with one another? What happens if they are not in sync?
11. Share amongst yourselves when there was a problem with a personal relationship that impacted your vertical relationship with the Father.
12. Pray together for unity amongst MET believers that will bring about a deeper relationship with the Father.