

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## ELEVATE YOUR VALUES

### The Inside Out Values of the Kingdom Matthew 5:1-6

You don't live up to God's values, you live into them.

1. God favors those who have nothing but spiritual

poverty. (v1-3)

- A "blessed" person is one who walks in God's ways, submits to God's rule, and displays God's character in their life.

2. God fills those who have been emptied of spiritual

complacency. (v4-6)

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# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. God's values are way different from our culture's values. Share a couple of examples of values in our culture that are incompatible with God's.
2. God blesses "the poor in spirit" in Matthew 5:3. What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Why do we never outgrow poverty of spirit?
3. "Those who mourn" (v4) are connected to "the poor in spirit" (v3). How are these related? How does this redirect the motivations of our heart?
4. A "meek" person (v5) is a God-controlled person. What does God promise to those under His rule? How is this counter-cultural?
5. God empties us of self to fill us with His righteousness (v6). Discuss why the order is important. How has God filled your spiritual hunger and thirst?
6. Will you read Matthew 5-7 aloud each Monday morning before you start your week?



## Memory Verse

"Blessed is the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

**Matthew 5:3 (NIV)**