

TALK IT OVER

The Year of Jesus:

The Beatitudes

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Share one small act of kindness you've experienced recently that made a difference for you.

Please read **Matthew 7:24-27 and 5:3-14** aloud.

- In what ways do the Beatitudes help us build a strong foundation for our lives, just like the wise builder in Matthew 7?

James 4:6 GNT

"But the grace that God gives is even stronger. As the scripture says, 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'"

- In today's self-centered world, how can we cultivate more humility in our daily lives?

Philippians 2:3-4 TPT

"Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves. Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests.."

- What impact does putting others first have on our relationships and community?

James 2:23 NIV

"And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend."

- How does developing your friendship (relationship) with God influence your daily decisions and priorities?

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Start praying: Be bold and pray with power.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for your love and grace. Help us to walk in humility, reflecting Your nature and emulating You in all we do. Guide us to deepen our friendship with You prioritizing our relationship with You instead of the world. May our hearts be transformed by Your Spirit, and may we find true joy in You alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three, take time for healing prayer or pray with individuals requesting prayer. This is important!

Start doing:

Take the upcoming week to deeply pray for understanding and openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Be open to the ways the Holy Spirit might be at work in your life.

Also read **Psalms 1:1-6**

What does the Old and New Testament's similarities tell us about how we should live? Christ's life transcends over more than the last 2,000 years.