DIGGING IN (9/14/2025)

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(This part of the Group Questions is modeled after the Discovery Bible Study Method, a structure used by underground churches across Asia. It is always followed by having group members try to paraphrase and summarize the passage of Scripture so they can share it off hand)
Read Matthew 5:3-12

1. If Jesus' Sermon on the Mount had been more like a modern TED Talk, how would He have started it?
2. What do you think the original crowds were thinking when they heard Jesus' upside-down definition of the good life?
3. Which of the 9 characteristics of the beatitudes do you most connect with?
4. Which promise of blessing of the beatitudes gives you the most hope?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Ashrey is the Hebrew word for "blessed," meaning "the good life." Look up & read these verses – Deuteronomy 33:29; Psalm 106:3; Proverbs 3:13. What do you notice about how the good life is described?
2. Barakah is the Hebrew word for "blessed," meaning "God's special favor." Look up & read these verses – Genesis 2:3; Genesis 17:16; Psalm 118:26. What do you notice about how the good life is described?
3. How does the Sermon on the Mount separate people who think the world needs a revolution according to their own idea of the good life, versus people whose hope of revolution because Jesus is on the throne?
4. For a deeper study, check out the Bible Project, Sermon on the Mount, Episode 4, January 22, 2024 What does "Blessed" Mean? https://bibleproject.com/podcasts/what-does-blessed-mean-beatitudes-pt-1/

PRAYER SUGGESTION

Pray that our church would respond to the brokenness of this world's kingdom by living a revolution with Jesus as King.

GETTING STARTED

- What are some pictures of the #blessed life as our culture defines it?

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