

God blesses those who...	Question: "Am I..."	Promises:
Are Poor in spirit	Am I completely and absolutely _____ on God?	Theirs _____ the kingdom of heaven
Mourn	Am I broken-hearted over the _____ that sin does in our lives?	_____ comfort.
Are Humble	Am I _____ on God's _____ or my own?	_____ the whole earth.
Hunger and thirst for righteousness	Is pleasing God my _____ desire?	_____ = satisfied
Are Merciful	Am I showing love, kindness, & _____ to those around me?	_____ mercy
Whose Hearts are Pure	Are my _____ clean and innocent?	See God, have a clear _____ with God.
Work for peace	Am I _____ people to God and to each other?	Called _____ of God.
Persecuted for doing right	Am I making a difference to the point that there is _____ - _____?	Theirs _____ the kingdom of heaven

Scriptures: Matthew 6:19-20, 31-33; 16:26; Acts 20:35

Life Group Questions

1. What first comes to mind when you hear the term "blessed"? What kind of situations or conversations do you associate with it?
2. Why do you think people associate wealth or prosperity with blessing?
3. Is it difficult for you to understand that blessing and prosperity are not entirely linked? If so, what makes that hard for you?
4. Looking at Matthew 5:3-10, what is the most challenging piece of this verse for you?
5. What kind of experiences have you had or see other people experiencing where they have been humbled, are hungry, poor, or mourning? How can we see these experiences as blessings?
6. Knowing that material prosperity—or having an abundance of good in one's life—is not necessarily what the Lord would have us seek in order to be "blessed," how can we transform the way we look at our own lives and the things we desire to align with Jesus' vision of blessing?
7. If you had to redefine the word blessing now, how would you describe it?