

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. Explain how the Beatitudes are as much or more "good news" as they are "good advice."
3. When you pray for correction, what comes to mind? Where do your values and assessments of others need to be tuned to Jesus' values and assessments of others?

Cornerstone's Top Three

Learn what's happening right now with the three most important things for you to know this week at Cornerstone. See them any time at CornerstoneNH.org/whatsup.

1. **Watch your email for your 2023 giving statement.** Our annual giving statements are delivered electronically. CornerstoneNH.org/MyGiving
2. **Start or renew your Participating Membership.** See the Participating Membership application & covenant: CornerstoneNH.org/Membership
3. **Next Sunday is Communion Sunday.** We usually celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month. CornerstoneNH.org/OnSite & CornerstoneNH.org/Online

OUR MISSION & VISION

We **inspire & equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better**, makes you better at life, and brings glory to God.

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YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

CORNERSTONE ON SITE & CORNERSTONE ONLINE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

“What do citizens of God's Kingdom look like?”

BLESSED OR DISTRESSED?

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT PART TWO

TODAY: VALUES • MATTHEW 5:3-12

THE BOTTOM LINE

**FOLLOWING _____ MEANS
ADOPTING HIS _____**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. – Matthew 5:3 CSB

*Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked*

*or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,*

*but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.*

– Psalm 1:1-2 NIV

JESUS' VALUES ARE _____ THAN OUR VALUES.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted. – Matthew 5:4 CSB

I can think of nine whom I would call blessed, and a tenth my tongue proclaims: a man who can rejoice in his children; a man who lives to see the downfall of his foes.

Happy the man who lives with a sensible wife, and the one who does not plow with ox and ass together.

Happy is the one who does not sin with the tongue, and the one who has not served an inferior.

Happy is the one who finds a friend, and the one who speaks to attentive listeners.

How great is the one who finds wisdom! But none is superior to the one who fears the Lord.

– The Wisdom of Jesus ben Sira 25:7-10 NSRA

JESUS' VALUES ARE _____ •

Blessed are the humble,
for they will inherit the earth. – Matthew 5:5 CSB

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled. – Matthew 5:6 CSB

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy. – Matthew 5:7 CSB

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God. – Matthew 5:8 CSB

JESUS' VALUES ARE MORE _____ THAN ASPIRATIONAL.

"Too often, these characteristics of the blessings have in Christian history been turned into ideals or virtues that we must strive to attain. When we do that, we turn them into formulas that help us gain status and favor with God, which is of course precisely the opposite of what Jesus is trying to say. Rather, they are descriptions of the kinds of people to whom Jesus in fact first brought the kingdom of God. Nowhere does Jesus tell us that we should try to be poor in spirit or mourn all the time or try to get yourself persecuted. He simply announces the great surprise – that these people who are not significant or honored in their society are precisely the ones who have received the honor to be first among those called into God's Kingdom." – Stanley Hauwerwas

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

– Matthew 5:10 CSB

"You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me.

– Matthew 5:11 CSB

Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you. – Matthew 5:12 CSB

Saying "YES" to Jesus? Let us know by checking in on the app, double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card, or text YES to 603-225-2550. Let us celebrate your decision with you & resource you for your new life in Christ.

*The Spirit of the Lord God is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and freedom to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of our God's vengeance;
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion;
to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
festive oil instead of mourning,
and splendid clothes instead of despair.[
And they will be called righteous trees,
planted by the Lord
to glorify him.*



– Isaiah 61:1-3 CSB

NEXT STEP: SAY YES

_____ THE WEEKLY PLAYLIST & _____ FOR CORRECTION

The BibleProject has a weekly playlist of materials to help you understand and think through the Sermon on the Mount in 2024. Get started at [CornerstoneNH.org/sermonplaylist](https://www.cornerstonenorthhampton.org/sermonplaylist).

Listen along to Tim Mackie's series on the Gospel of Matthew in the *Exploring My Strange Bible* podcast. Tim is co-founder & lead theologian of the BibleProject. Today's message is sourced from "A Kingdom of Blessing – Gospel of Matthew Part 5" (05/28/2018).