

THE BEATITUDES

Bible Text: Luke 6:20-26; Matthew 5:3-12; Luke 4:18-19

Lesson Focus: In God’s kingdom, the things that rule our earthly life no longer apply.

Big Question: What blessings are there for me in God’s kingdom?

Key Words: BEATITUDE, PEACE, JUSTICE

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount.
-] These are some first things that Jesus taught, according to Matthew’s Gospel.
-] The Beatitudes give us a new set of priorities.
-] The Beatitudes help us realize our sinfulness and how much we need God.
-] Try not to think of the Beatitudes as “rules for living.”
-] The Beatitudes remind us to be countercultural at times.
-] Sometimes being countercultural can get you into trouble or made fun of.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] In general, who decides who’s in and who’s out? In what ways can you become someone who includes rather than excludes?
-] If Jesus threw a party, who would he invite?
-] How would you feel about being invited to the event in the cartoon?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 195: How to Work for Peace and Justice on Behalf of People Who Are Poor and Oppressed

-] What experience do you have with these steps?
-] Which one can you see yourself doing regularly?
-] What do you think about the condition of the world today?

Here We Stand Student Book page 174: History’s Six Most Notorious Heretics

-] How do these stories inspire you to turn things upside down to do God’s work in the world?

LIFE CONNECTION

Investigate a local organization that is helping to bring the Beatitudes to life for those who are marginalized. Talk to your pastor, search online, or check other groups to find an organization where you and your confirmation classmates can get involved in some way.

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Word Scramble

Read the clues provided to help you unscramble the words.

1. UTTSIDEEBA

2. AACEEEEKMPRS

3. EESLDB

4. SRONME

5. EIIIOPRRST

6. UTSJIEC

1. The teachings of Jesus found in Matthew 5.
2. These people will be called “children of God” (Matthew 5:9).
3. Jesus says this word nine times in Matthew 5:1-11.
4. The Beatitudes are part of Jesus’ _____ on the Mount.
5. The Beatitudes help give us new _____.
6. Pages 195–197 of the Here We Stand Student Book teach us how to work for peace and _____.

Answers: 1. beatitudes 2. peacemakers 3. blessed 4. sermon 5. priorities 6. justice