

Life Church Message 2011-01-16 - The Blessings (Part 1)

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Pastor Eva - Sunday January 16, 2011

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- **Introduction**

- **Bible Reading:**

- OT Timeline:
- OT Contemporary Books:

- **Life Group Material**

- **Life Group Word Material**

These are sample discussion questions / topics. Your life group leaders may choose to adjust these questions, substitute new ones, or spend the Word section of the meeting in a different way altogether.

Scripture taken from the [HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION \(NIV\)](#)

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- **Matthew 5:1-12**

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- **Discussion Questions / Topics:**

- Discuss what it means to be "poor in spirit". Are there times when you have approached God with an attitude of total dependence upon Him? Are there times when you've opted to be self-sufficient? Discuss.
- Describe how God has comforted you in times of mourning. Discuss and pray for one another about current areas of mourning.

- Discuss what it means to be meek before the Lord. Are there areas in which you've resisted Him? Discuss.

- **Life Group Witnessing Activities**

- **1 Peter 3:15-16**

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

- **Questions & Answers**

We will have a Question and Answer session on Sunday February 6, 2011.
Please write down any questions you may have.

We're especially interested in questions about the following:

- The sermons of the past 3 months.
- The scriptures we've taught from over the past 3 months.
- General Bible questions.

- **Submit Your Questions by January 31, 2011:**

- In writing with the offering on Sunday
- Via email to life@lifechurchboston.org