



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

Sermon Main Idea:

The Beatitudes speak of the nature and aspirations of the citizens of the Upside Down Kingdom Jesus came to proclaim.

Introduction:

1. Are you a list person? Why or why not?
2. What kinds of people are considered the blessed ones in our world?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Matthew 5:1-20 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. Where is Jesus and who is he speaking to? (vs. 1-2)
2. In God's Kingdom who are the happy or blessed ones? (vs. 3-12)
3. In God's Kingdom what do the happy or blessed ones receive? (vs. 3-12)
4. Why would this list be confusing or upsetting for Jesus' listeners? (vs. 3-12)
5. What is the role of God's Kingdom people in the world? (vs. 13-16)
6. What is Jesus' relationship with the Law and the Prophets? (vs. 17-20)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. How can you continue the journey of attaining to the qualities and aspirations of the Beatitudes? (vs. 3-12)
2. Which Beatitude(s) are you challenged by? What can you do in response? (vs. 3-12)
3. How are you being salt and light in the world? How can you let your light shine even more? (vs. 13-16)
4. How can our righteousness surpass that of the Pharisees and teachers of the Law? (vs. 17-20)
5. Which of God's commands would you like to pay more attention to this week?
6. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 1/21 – Psalm 91:9-12

Tuesday, 1/22 – Genesis 1:26-27

Wednesday, 1/23 – Genesis 3:1-7

Thursday, 1/24 – Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Friday, 1/25 – Matthew 4:18-22

Saturday, 1/26 – Matthew 4:23-25

Sunday, 1/27 – Matthew 5:1-20