

Small Group Study

What it Means to be Human

From the sermon series, "Living a Christ-Centered Life"



Scriptures

Have a volunteer read the following scripture:

Matthew 5:1-16

QUESTIONS

1. How would a modern-day psychologist (and society in general) evaluate Jesus' teachings on the Beatitudes?
2. How do each of the Beatitudes relate to the promise that follow them? How would you describe the opposite of each quality?
3. Is Jesus *describing* who his followers are? Or *prescribing* what they must *do*? Why do you think so?
4. What kind of mourning do you think Jesus is talking about in verse 4? What causes *you* to mourn?
5. Who do you admire as a good example of meekness? How do they model humility?
6. Where are you a "peacemaker": in your home? At church? At work? In your community? In what ways do you try to make peace?

Icebreakers

Use the questions below to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)

1. When you want to get away from people, where do you go and what do you do?
2. What saying or bumper sticker do you keep on your desk or car?
3. What is one motto you try to live by?



7. Of the Beatitudes Jesus listed, which two do you most desire in your life right now? Which of these qualities are you most tempted to avoid?

8. This past week, did you feel more blessed or stressed? What can you do to be more focused on God's blessings in your life?

9. How are these Beatitudes related to being salt and light (vv. 13-16)?

10. Based on the Beatitudes, is the light of your life more like a flickering candle? A steady campfire? A blazing furnace? How can you add fuel to the fire?

God bless,

Roger Sodsod
Small Group Pastor, Vineyard Church
email: rsodsod@vineyardkcnorth.com