

Blessed

Part 3, Matthew 5:1-12

1. What do people generally mean when they say that they are blessed? What do you generally mean when you say you are blessed?
2. Read, John 9:1-7. What assumptions about God's blessing underlie the disciples question in verse 2? What is Jesus saying about those assumptions? What is the relationship between healing and blessing?
3. If we assume that God's blessing means being healthy and wealthy, in what way can ill-health and financial struggle impact on our faith? Have you witnessed this kind of struggle?

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4. What is Jesus telling us about God's blessing in the beatitudes (the blessing teachings)?
5. What are the struggles Jesus expects his disciples to go through? How would you characterise these struggles?
6. What are the blessings Jesus expects his disciples to receive? How would you characterise these blessings?
7. So how would you sum up the teaching of The Beatitudes?
8. What is the good news for you in The Beatitudes?
9. Is there something that you find difficult in this teaching?
10. What would you pray for in response to this study?