

The Fayetteville Church

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“Blessed are those who Mourn”

Sermon on The Mount



Getting The Most From the SOM Series

1. Scripture
2. Observation
3. Application
4. Prayer

◇ Practical guidance - please put into practice for the sake of unity!



The Sermon on the Mount - The Greatest Sermon ever Spoken

Scripture

- Matt 5:3-4: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- Ted's paraphrase: Blessed is the person who is humble, desperate for God, and acknowledges his spiritual bankruptcy for he will be part of God's eternal Kingdom. And also blessed is the person who then looks at his sin (and the sin of others), takes it seriously, and mourns over it for God will provide comfort.



Observe

1. Mourn: To be swallowed by sadness; to grieve; to wail
2. Messianic blessing: Is 61:1-3.
3. Those who mourn are those who take sin seriously/
repent
4. God mourns all sin; so should I
5. “They will be comforted!”
6. Mourning not an “all-the-time” thing
7. James 4:8-10



Application - Examine self

1. How can I be more consistent with God's character?
2. Do I have sin in this area?



Application - Practical ways I can turn this passage into reality

1. Keep sin before me (Ps 51:3)
2. Ensure I repent (2 Cor 7:8-11)
3. Not mourning the sin of others is a weakness of mine - imitate Christ! (Eph 5:1)
4. If more focused on sin, then I need to be mindful of having a Christ-like attitude, *or else!* (Phil 2:5)



Prayer

1. Forgive me...
2. Help me overcome my disdain for sadness...
3. Help me to overcome focus on self...
4. Help me to be more like your son - humble, faithful
compassionate, focused on pleasing you...



Times when we need to face our sin

1. When we first consider making a decision to follow Jesus
2. When we've been bitter and unforgiving
3. When we've been erratic and half-hearted in relationships
4. When we've entered into deliberate, unrepentant sin
5. When we're not fulfilling our role in the family
6. When a pattern of sin is emerging in the Church
7. Help me to overcome focus on self...
8. Help me to be more like your son - humble, faithful compassionate, focused on pleasing you...

