

JOIN THE JOURNEY™

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 5

WEEK 49

“But I Need It!”

Matthew 5:3a (NLT)

“God blesses those who realize their need for Him”

❖ ICE BREAKER

1. What is the greatest need you have in life right now? Why do you need it? What is keeping you from getting it?

❖ DISCUSSION

2. In Matthew 5, Jesus is teaching a crowd of people, including the disciples, who God chose to bless. Read the beginning of verses 3-10. God blesses those who _____ (fill in the blank). How did each of the things make you feel? Are these things that we typically see as good or desire in our lives?
3. Now go back and see what God does when we do experience the first part. Read them as “God will give them _____ (fill in the blank).” Now are these things that you would want? Things that you desire?
4. Matthew 5:3 tells us, “God blesses those who realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them.” Have you stopped and thought about both parts of that? What does your “need for Him” look like on a regular basis? Not just your need for salvation, but your daily needs and desires? Are you allowing God to meet your needs? How?

❖ CASE STUDY

Based upon what we just studied in Matthew 5, how would you respond to the following situation?

Your friend comes to you and says, “I have been depressed all week. I just can’t get the thought of wanting to be married out of my head. I want to find the girl of my dreams and start a family. I want what everyone else has. I need to get married or I will not be all that I can be. Will you help me fill out my e-Harmony application?”

What questions would you ask your friend based on what you learned in Matthew 5? How would you lovingly find out what your friend is basing happiness and fulfillment on? How would you encourage your friend to allow God to meet his needs?

