

Weekly Discussion Guide – 4-7-2024

“Backwards Blessings” Matthew 5:1-12

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. As Jesus describes the kind of people that are blessed, which verses do you relate to? Which verses do not describe your experience? Are there any that give you pause?
2. Think about what each of these beatitudes means. Then rewrite or paraphrase these verses in your own words.
3. Now, write a contrasting list of “the world’s attitudes.”
4. What would you need to say “yes” or “no” to for your life to be more in line with the blessed life Jesus is describing?
5. What would you need to say “yes” or “no” to for your life to be less in line with the list you made in question #3?
6. Why would Jesus choose to begin His Sermon on the Mount with this introduction? What might it suggest about the rest of the sermon to follow?