

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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First Baptist Church ~ Covington, Louisiana

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Studies in Matthew 5-7

Matthew 5:3-16 [RSV] The Beatitudes

- [1] Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him.
- [2] And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- [3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- [4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- [5] "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- [6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- [7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- [8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- [9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- [10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- [11] "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- [13] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.
- [14] "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.
- [15] Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- [16] Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

LIFE LESSONS:

1. As _____ of Christ, we have been saved from the _____, but we have also been saved to _____ world.
2. Because _____ people _____ the light, they _____ those who live in the light. But remember, God _____ you and _____ your faithfulness.

TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What comes to mind when you think about a reward in heaven? How do you associate persecution in this world with a reward in heaven?
- What are some ways you are salt to the earth and light to the world?