

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –02/02/26

Matthew - Lesson 5
Matthew 5:1-16

1. Read Matthew 5:1-2. Today we begin to look at “the Sermon on the Mount” (chapters 5-7), the first of five major discourses in Matthew. What is the setting? Who is he teaching?
2. Read Matthew 5:1-12. These verses are known as the “Beatitudes” and deal with righteous character traits of believers for which we strive, and their resulting blessings. How would you define “blessed?” Is it the same as happiness? Why or why not?
3. Describe each character trait and the resulting blessing in the following verses:
 - V. 3
 - V. 4
 - V. 5
 - V. 6
 - V. 7
 - V. 8
 - V. 9
 - V. 10
4. Re-read Matthew 5:11-12. How do these verses expand and clarify the last beatitude (v. 10)? How should believers view persecution? Does Jesus promise his followers an easy life? Why is there conflict between us and the world?
5. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Why do you think Jesus used these two metaphors to describe the role of believers in the world?
 - What does it mean to be *the salt of the earth*? How can salt lose its saltiness?
 - How are we a *light to the world*? How can “our light” be covered up?