

# STUDENT'S GUIDE

## Discussion Questions: The Beatitudes

1. **Introduction to the Sermon:** (Read the outlined in black Matthew 5:1-2 and Luke 6:17-20a): **In Matthews's version, what is this sermon commonly called? And why?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **In Luke's version, what is the sermon commonly called? And why?**  
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3. **Who was the primary audience Jesus was teaching?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **#1. The poor and poor in spirit.** (Read the verses outlined in red: Matthew 5:3, Luke 6:20b, and Luke 6:24) **Who are the "poor in spirit?"**  
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5. **How are they poor spiritually?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. If the word blessed is supposed to mean happy, **how are the poor happy in spirit?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Luke 6:20b: Blessed are you poor. **Why does Jesus bless the poor?**  
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8. **Is the blessing for everyone who is poor?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Luke 6:24: **Woe to the rich.** **What is the warning to the rich?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. **What is the reward for the poor in spirit or the poor?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. **#2 Those who mourn or weep.** (Read the verses outlined in green: Matthew 5:4; Luke 6:21b and Luke 25b) **Who are the people that mourn or weep? Or, more importantly, why do we mourn or weep?** \_\_\_\_\_

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12. **What are the different ways people react when they are mourning?**

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13. **What does it mean to be comforted?** \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Luke 6:25b: **Woe to those who laugh.** **What is the warning to those who laugh? What does it mean if we laugh now, you will mourn and weep later? Is it wrong to be happy and be laugh about things? (Read again Luke 25b)** \_\_\_\_\_

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15. **#3 The meek.** (Read the verse outlined in orange: Matthew 5:5) **Who are the meek? Or what does it mean to be meek?** \_\_\_\_\_

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16. **What does it mean that the meek will inherit the earth?**

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17. **#4 The hungry and thirst for righteousness** (Read the verses outlined in purple: Matthew 5:6, Luke 6:21a, and Luke 6:25a). Matthew's version states those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Luke's version mentions who hunger "now." **What does Jesus mean to "hunger and thirst for righteousness?"** \_\_\_\_\_

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18. **How are those who hunger for righteousness filled?** \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Luke 6:25a: **Woe to those who are full.** **What is the warning to those who are full? Moreover, what are they full of?** \_\_\_\_\_

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20. **#5 The merciful** (Read the verse outlined in gray: Matthew 5:7) **Who are the merciful?** \_\_\_\_\_

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21. **How will they obtain mercy?** \_\_\_\_\_

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22. **#6 The pure in heart.** (Read the verse outlined in dark red: Matthew 5:8) **Who are the pure in heart?** \_\_\_\_\_

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23. Whom will see God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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24. **#7 The peacemakers.** (Read the verse outlined in yellow: Matthew 5:9)  
**Who are the peacemakers?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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25. **Why will they be called the sons of God?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. **#8 The persecuted** (Read the verse outlined in brown: Matthew 5:10)  
**Describe someone who is persecuted for righteousness.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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27. **What is the reward of the kingdom of heaven?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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28. **Jesus' Blessing to you** (Read the verse outlined in blue: Matthew 5:11-12 and Luke 6:22-23) \_\_\_\_\_  
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29. **Their reward –** \_\_\_\_\_  
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30. Luke 6:26: **Woe to those who speak well of you.** **What is the warning to those who speak well of you? Moreover, what did their fathers say to the false prophets?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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