

BE-Tudes-2: Happy are the Unhappy

NOTES

- Open In Prayer:

Remember to Ask someone: "If you Can Pray for them" this Week.

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50 am.

ASK and they Will Come .Invite someone to one of these events coming up.

Mens Breakfast INN Saturday April 21, Ask someone else to come too!

Mens BBQ in May and the Start of a Special Video Series for June/July

Gals Special Event April 23- Guest from Kelowna

Last Weeks Key point: Understanding "poor in Spirit" sets us up for Reward and purpose for our lives

Follow up and review last weeks discussion What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

What did you hear from or see from God this week?

Key Point: You should be happy that you are unhappy, because when you are, you are highly favored by God and walking in His way, the way of the Kingdom.

Read Matthew 5:4

Lets get some terms defined before we go on:

Comfort. What does that word mean to you ?

Give 5 instances of different types or display's of "comfort":

Again, let us **define the key words we use**, In the religious world the word **Blessed** is used a lot, but what do we mean by it:

1 in christiannese _____

2 as a non religious person understands it. _____

IS there a difference in perception? How should we use it outside of our Church community?

What does it mean to blessed those who mourn? To be

comforted? The Humboldt Hockey bus tragedy is still very fresh in our minds. **Question:** How have you personally responded to the news? _____

Looking back in your own life, How did your faith "comfort You". Share to the group what Gods comfort means to you. _____

How do you think those around us in our daily lives would respond to tangible Comfort from God. Does anyone have a story to share how God has used you to Share Gods Comfort to others??

Take a moment to reflect on how Gods comfort impacts you daily life.

GOD is The GOD of Comfort.

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- The Forgotten God

- Francis Chan

PRAYER ITEMS

Refer to these during the week.

- Government - Prime Minister; - Premier

Taylor W. Australia
ministry outside the Compound
- Finances for 2nd year

Kara H

Teaching and ministering in
Takua Pa, Thailand

She is having problems with her stomach.
She comes Home next weekend.

The Mustard Seed is ALWAYS looking for
Assistance. If you or your group is
interested in Helping Contact Lynette
in the Office and she can point you
in the right direction.

Have Your Group Take a Group Photo
for the Directory and the
Anniversary Celebration Send in the Lynette

KEY QUESTION



What did you hear or see this week?

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the
Holy Spirit is revealing to you,
What is God asking you to
do about today's discussion?
Who will you allow to hold
you accountable to this?
For you personally, what
do you need to adjust in
your day to put the Holy Spirit
more center?
How can we your group,
brothers and sisters help you ?

Read -2 Cor. 1:3-7

We, people, in general do not like to be unhappy. "Grey skies are going to clear up; put on a happy face." We often live in an illusion denying reality. God's Word does not talk about **IF** trials and stuff **MAY** happen, it talks about **WHEN** they will happen. DO you agree with the Statement that we in our western world "often live in an illusion denying reality"?

Dr. Darold Treffert, the director of the Winnebago Mental Health Clinic in Wisconsin says the American fairy tale is that there are no problems. He notes it is un-American to let our children experience boredom, frustration, loneliness, or pain. In order to protect ourselves from unwanted pain or difficulty many Americans try to desensitize ourselves, our feelings are numbed to reality (Check Your Character; Knofel Stanton, page 26).

See: John 10:10, promise: _____

(Luke 21:28 NLT, promise: _____

See Jeremiah 29:11, promise: _____

Remember, the beatitudes are building blocks to be like Jesus. Was Jesus a crybaby or a pessimist? No! The life lived like Jesus is a BLESSED LIFE; a life highly favored by God; a life filled with lasting joy and real happiness. Throughout the New Testament we find the word joy:

-John 15:11 *MsgB*, promise: _____

Gal 5:22 *NIV*, promise: _____

-Philippians 4:4 *NIV*, promise: _____

-James 1:2 *NIV*, promise: _____

-1 Peter 1:8 *NLT*, promise: _____

my Bible tells me to share the sorrow of a friend. If I'm going to be like Jesus, then shouldn't I give comfort to others in their time of need?"

Romans 12:15 NIV, Implications Here? _____

. -2 Cor. 1:4 *NLT Implications Here?* _____

Galatians 6:2) *Implications Here?* _____

What Jesus is Saying

Blessed, blessing - "Favoured by God" therefore one should be 'happy'

Mourn [3996] *pentheo* - to be sad, sorrowful; lament

Comforted [3870] *parakaleo* - to exhort in the way of consolation, encouragement, to console, comfort.

[Mt. 2:18](#); [2 Cor. 10:1](#); [1 Thess. 2:11](#); [1 Tim. 5:1](#); [Heb. 3:13](#)

"You are favoured by God, so be happy, when you lament, are sad or sorrowful, for you shall be encouraged and consoled." - Shannon's version

Lets look at the practical side of this to those around us. How do you respond when you hear a story of pain around you? Of some one who needs comfort. Jesus said when he left he would send a **COMFORTER**, not a conqueror, not a king, but someone who wants to come along side us as we go through our daily lives, all its struggles, its hurts, derailed goals. God's people come along side and hug, sit in vigil, and pray for the Holy Spirit to Come and Comfort. Listen and ask" How can I pray for you" Who knows what doors of Comfort that will open up. (lead to a deeper faith? :) -LH