

# SALT & LIGHT

## SALT AND LIGHT Part 5: The Beatitudes Stu G

WEEK 5 VIDEO LINK: [tfh.org/SaltAndLight5](http://tfh.org/SaltAndLight5)

### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

### **The Beatitudes:**

**[Matthew 5:1-10 NLT]**

*“One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for*

*they will be satisfied. God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.”*

I used to think:

- Attain
- Achieve
- Strive
- Be Pure & Holy

I discovered:

- Broken
- Not Working Out
- Failure
- Can't Fix It

**God is on your side**

**[Colossians 3:16 NCV]**

*“Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and instruct each other by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”*

**Word Becomes Flesh - an Invitation to:**

- Transformation
- Incarnation

- Embodiment

**[Mathew 5:8 NIV]**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Get in the conversation.*

1. Why do you think it is important to take a fresh look at the Beatitudes?
2. How can the Beatitudes help us be salt and light in our divided world right now?
3. If the blessing is “presence” and the invitation is “transformation” how might this look from day to day?

*Take it a step further.*

4. What injustice have you witnessed?
5. What prayers do you need to pray concerning your role in God’s counter culture?
6. What has God done in you that he wants to get through you?

*Take home.*

7. How does this coming week look different now that you have the revelation of God’s upside-down Kingdom?