



A New Hope #5

10/9/22

Matthew 5-7

1. Ron preached on the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:3-12.

**Which beatitude means the most to you?

**Which beatitude is the most confusing, and what do others think it means?

For more discussion: The Greek word that is translated as “blessed” in most English translation has the connotation of happiness. It is different from the blessings that mean, “may you have many children” (Genesis 12:2) or “may your crops be blessed” (Deuteronomy 16:15).

**How do you feel about the idea that God wants you to be happy?

**How do these beatitudes give you ways to be happy when you live in God’s Kingdom?

2. Ron said, “Living the way God wants us to live usually contradicts the way the world lives.”

**How have you struggled to mesh your Christian belief and behavior with how our culture says you should act?

For more discussion: One clash between Christianity and American culture at large is the idea of love and affirmation. Generally speaking, our culture says that to love means to affirm others’ beliefs and actions.

**Does the Bible speak to the relationship between love and affirmation?

**How does a Christian love someone without affirming and accepting their beliefs and actions if they go against what we believe to be Christ-like behavior?

3. Watch the Bible Project video called “The Law.” It is linked on the Greater Story resources page. Watch it with the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) on your mind.

**What parts of the video were the most helpful for you?

**Are there any questions that you have that this video didn’t answer as it pertains to how Jesus interacted with the Old Testament Law? (Discuss potential answers, or email the pastors so they can discuss them on a future podcast! life@forefrontchurch.tv)

For more discussion: Peruse Matthew 5-7, which is the Sermon on the Mount.

****Which section of this sermon do you find most helpful or inspiring?**

****Which section of this sermon do you find most difficult or confusing? (Perhaps the group can help interpret it with you!)**

****What are unique ways that we can live out this sermon in our own culture?**