

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the bold, they make their own path in the world.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed who do not experience loss/not need to be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are the go getters/they will take what they want.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are those who look out for #1/there needs will be met.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the judgmental/will give others what they deserve.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are those who want it all/they will see much.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are the aggressive/they will be called successful.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who avoid any kind of persecution/ they will have a better life in this world

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
Blessed are those who don't take religious views too seriously/ they will avoid people saying all kinds of bad stuff about them.

1 Corinthians 1:20, 23 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world...we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

FINAL THOUGHTS Micha 6:6-8 p. 1,447
"Souvenirs"

Micha 6:8b What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Sermon Notes 01/29/23

FIRST THOUGHTS Psalm 15:1-8 p. 853
"Aim High"

"Aim High" USAF

"Aim high! The future you see, is the person you will be."
Jim Cathcart

"If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time." Zig Ziglar

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."
Norman Vincent Peale

"Better have failed in the high aim, as I, Than vulgarly in the low aim succeed As, God be thanked! I do not." Robert Browning

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."
Michelangelo

Psalm 15 says, "Aim High"

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? (God's presence is in the high places)

Take aim at: being blameless, doing the right thing, speaking truth, but not slander, does neighbor no wrong, or does not speak slur against despises the vile person, honors God fearing people lends money without usury, does not take bribes against the poor

FURTHER THOUGHTS Matthew 5:1-12 p. 1,501
"A Different Way of Life"

The military is a particular way of life that is different from civilian life. (Amish/Mennonite, Farmers, Educators?)

Context – Military Messiah who would give Rome the boot that would bring blessing to the nation.

Jesus instead sets the tone for his ministry and those who would follow to a particular way of life that is different than the ways often found in the world.

(The Kingdom of Heaven Kingdom of this world.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION! Anyone interested in any of the following:

1. Better understanding the basics of Christianity
2. Becoming a Church Member
3. Making their Confirmation
4. Being a more Faithful Disciple of Jesus
5. Being in Fellowship with others

then OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

A 5-time gathering to explore the following:

1. God's Grace (God's unconditional love)
2. Brokenness (The world is not as it should be)
3. Jesus (Who is Jesus anyway?)
4. Lifestyle Updates (Changes for the good)
5. Blessing (Blessed to be a Blessing)

While the format and precise content has not been worked out at this point, each gathering will be from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the Sundays of February 5th and 12th, February 26th and March 5th, and Mark 19th. Each will consist of a short video (10-12 minutes long), a presentation by Pastor Vern, and the opportunity to explore the topic of the day with others who are there. If you would like more info or are interested, please speak with Pastor Vern.