



**SERIES &
TITLE**

JESUS MANIFESTO - BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED



BIG IDEA

When you put Jesus first and live his values...everything else falls into focus.



**ICE
BREAKER**

Play Desert Island Beatitudes! Imagine they're stranded on a desert island and can only take one of the Beatitudes with them to live by. Which would you choose?

How would that Beatitude help you survive on the island?

What creative ways might you apply that Beatitude in your island life?

If you could bring a second Beatitude, which would it be and why?



**MAIN
POINTS**

- Jesus' Manifesto (The Beatitudes) outlines values for living "the good life"
- These values work, even if they seem counterintuitive
- Happiness and peace are built, not stumbled upon
- Hearing without action doesn't produce the "good life"
- We need community to live out these values effectively



DISCUSS

1. Pastor Shan said "You will suffer and be mistreated...Do you want to suffer for doing the right thing or suffer for doing the wrong thing?" How does this perspective challenge or encourage you?
2. Reflect on the statement: "Nothing changes immediately, but everything changes eventually." How have you seen this play out in your own life when trying to build good habits or values?
3. How might your life look different if you consistently lived out the values Jesus presents in the Beatitudes?
4. Pastor Shan shared about the importance of community. What does it mean to live out these values? What role do you think small groups play in this?
5. Which of the Beatitudes do you find most challenging to live out? Why?
6. How can living out Jesus' values impact our wider community and world?
7. Reflect on the C.S. Lewis quote: "Put first things first and second things are thrown in. Put second things first and you lose both first and second things." How does this relate to prioritizing Jesus' teachings in our lives?



NEXT STEP

Choose one Beatitude to focus on for 30 days. If you were to do this, which would you choose and why?



SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:26-28 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down,

the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”



**NEXT WEEK
SNEAK
PEAK**

Pastor Cal is back next week! Invite a friend and join us.

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