



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The Beatitudes, Part 2

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Matthew 5: 6-8

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

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Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Pastor Rich will continue our series through the Sermon on the Mount. He will explore Beatitudes 4-6 in the Bible. In these declarations of blessedness spoken by Jesus, we will be invited to hunger for righteousness, live mercifully, and cultivate purity of heart.

Sermon Questions:

1. What food or drink sounds really good right now? What are you physically hungry or thirsty for? Jesus invites us to be spiritually hungry and thirsty for justice and righteousness.
2. Pastor Rich broke righteousness into three parts
 - Speaks to God's mighty acts to save
 - Speaks to a new, righteous status we carry
 - Speaks to the urgency to pursue righteousness in our world

Which one helps expand your view of righteousness the most and why?

3. Miroslav Volf says, "There's something deeply hypocritical about praying for a problem you are unwilling to resolve." How might our prayer life change if we were willing to pray prayers that lead to action? Can you share a practical example from your recent prayer life of something you've only prayed about, but God is now inviting you to take action on?
4. Jesus names the merciful as blessed. Name one area in your life where you are in need of mercy, or one area where you need to extend greater mercy.
5. "It is easy to live the right way with the wrong heart. Sooner or later, the wrong heart will lead us the wrong way." Take time to pray for God to give you a pure heart and the willingness to focus on what is happening internally, not simply on what looks good on the outside. A new heart is available because of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and Jesus promises that those with a pure heart will see God.

The Gospel says:

In Christ, justice will fill the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**In Christ, mercy is new every morning.
Blessed are the merciful.**

**In Christ, a new heart is available because of the indwelling Holy Spirit.
Blessed are the pure in heart.**