






Matthew 5:1-16

Study #5

Step 1: Read the Whole Section *Note any questions or anything that you didn't understand.*

Step 2: Answer the Study Questions

1. Note any of the following design patterns in your Bible that you notice.

Christ/Kingdom (), upside-down kingdom (), OT quote/allusion (), Crowds () Disciples ()

2. What do you think is the point of 5:1 distinguishing between the crowds and the disciples / what is the difference?

3. The Beatitudes (Blessings, 5:2-10) list eight descriptions of those who are blessed in the kingdom of God. Each beatitude shows the upside down kingdom, which is set in opposition to the common views and beliefs of the world about “blessing.” Fill in this chart, listing (1) the description of those blessed in the kingdom, (2) the promised reward of that blessing, and (3) the contrasting view of “blessings” that the world (“crowds”) believes. The firsts is done as an example. (Leaving verse 11 aside for now)

Verse	Kingdom View of Disciples	Promised Blessing	Opposite view of “crowds”
v.2	<i>Poor in spirit</i>	<i>Kingdom of heaven</i>	<i>Rich/prosperous</i>
v.3			
v.4			
v.5			
v.6			
v.7			
v.8			
v.9			
v.10			

* Go back and mark those “blessings” which are Future (F) and which are Present/Now (F)

4. 5:5 - DESIGN PATTERN!! Look up the OT cross reference and read the context.

(a) Provide the OT cross reference:

(b) Read verse 1-2 of this Old Testament passage: What is it that the author is worried about and what does God promise will happen?

(c) Read verse 5 of this Old Testament passage. What does this verse teach us to do?

5. Why do you think Jesus begins his sermon with the Beatitudes before getting to the commandments?
6. How do the beatitudes fit with the story of Simon, Andrew, James and John in 4:18-22?
7. How would you say that the beatitudes fit with the story of Jesus' life?
8. What does this teach us about the life of a disciple compared to Jesus' life?

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9. Jesus uses the metaphor of salt and light to describe his disciples.
- (a) What is it that Jesus says makes salt useful / useless?
 - (b) What do you think makes a Christian useful / useless?
 - (c) What is it that makes a lamp useful / useless?
 - (d) What does Jesus say Christians should do to fulfill their purpose and who will benefit?

Step 3: Summarize assigned "FOCUS" section of text: _____

<p>Summarize</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summarize this section into a heading or title. 2. Who are the characters in the story and what are they like? 3. When and where does the setting of this story take place? 4. Is there a plot conflict or a problem? 5. How are the characters responding? 	
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