



**1. The most common error that's made in reading the Beatitudes is to see these descriptions as states that we are somehow to attain.** Have you ever read the Beatitudes, wondering how you're supposed to fulfill all the different conditions described? Eg. Have you ever worked up a "feeling of humility" to line up with the first beatitude? How did that make you feel? Discuss how the approach described in the episode changes your view of the beatitudes.

**2. He's telling his audience that God's kingdom extends even to these people.** How do you respond to the idea that God's blessing extends to people who you think might not deserve to be blessed. What does that say about you?

**3. Would you consider yourself "poor in spirit?"** That's someone who is spiritually needy. If so, how do you respond to the first beatitude?

**4. What's the role of Jesus in bringing the beatitudes to fruition in your life?** Share with the group some examples of how Jesus specifically makes the beatitudes a reality for you.

**5. Do you mourn?** How? And how do you respond to the difficulty of living in God's kingdom that is coming in, but isn't fully here yet? How do you live with the disappointment and confusion that can create?