

Questions

1. What does it mean to be pure in heart? And what desires or affections tempt you to pursue your own personal kingdom instead of God's kingdom?
2. What aspects of the Hebrew word for peace (shalom) surprised you or broadened how you understood peace?
3. What are ways you could work for shalom in your relationships or community?
4. What holds you back from making peace? Fear of messy/bad outcomes? Hoping things will just get better on their own?
5. What are the two reasons we should rejoice and be glad when we are persecuted for righteousness' sake or on account of Jesus' name?
6. In what ways can you be tempted to "fly under the radar" and keep your faith hidden, water down God's truth, or evade God's calls for righteousness because you're afraid of being mocked or persecuted?
7. In what ways can you be tempted to "fight like the world fights" or engage in a way without the mercy, gentleness, humility, or peace-making that we see in the Beatitudes?

The King's Manifesto

The Sermon on the Mount

Kingdom Promises (Part II)

Matthew 5:8-12

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The Beatitudes describe what Jesus calls His people to do, and to be, and how He promises to bless them as they live out His will in His kingdom. This morning we see three more of these callings and promises from the King.

3 More Callings & Promises of Blessing & Fullness for Followers of King Jesus

1. The pure in heart shall see God (Matt. 5:8)

2. The peace-makers will be called Sons of God (Matt. 5:9)

3. The persecuted should rejoice and be glad (Matt. 5:10-12)