



November 14th Discussion Guide

Unceasing Care: Matthew 5:1-16

This is a 5 week study from the Book of Matthew. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

Discuss any team sports or activities you have participated with in the past.

Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Matthew 5:1-2, 9:36, John 5:6, Genesis 16:13-14, Psalm 33:13-14.
 - a. What one thing did Jesus/God do in each of these verses?
 - b. How has God shown His unceasing care for you by “seeing” you?
 - c. Who in your life needs to be “seen”? How can you care for them?
2. Read Matthew 5:3-10.
 - a. What does it mean to be “blessed”? How does this passage open your eyes to a new meaning of “blessing”?
 - b. What are some ways you have been “blessed” that may be different from the world’s definition of “blessing”?
3. Discuss the 9 blessings:
 - a. Compare “poor in spirit” in Biblical terms to the worldly viewpoint. (Psalm 51:17)
 - b. What causes you to mourn? How has forgiveness in Christ helped you mourn over sin? (Isaiah 61:1-3)
 - c. What does meek mean in this verse?
 - d. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? (Psalm 19:7-11)
 - e. How do you balance receiving mercy and extending mercy?
 - f. How does having a pure heart help you see God? (Psalm 24:4-5)
 - g. Give an example of someone that is a peacemaker. (2 Cor 5:18-20)
 - h. Have you ever been persecuted or insulted because of righteousness?
4. Read Matthew 5:13-16.
 - a. Once we realize that God “sees” and “blesses” us, how are we told we should respond?
 - b. How can Christians be “salt” and “light” in the world?

Application question: Which blessing is the most meaningful to you and what will you do this week to be a blessing like the one you received?

LORD, You have given us and are continuing to give us more blessings than we deserve. Show us ways we can be salt and light in the world. Help us see those around us in need and bless them with our many blessings.

