



Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading "The Beatitudes."

Each question is designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. Each person's response will be different. As such, no answers are provided.

Questions

- ① When we have a true encounter with God, why can we see ourselves more clearly; why do earthly things lose their importance; and why do we perceive the world from a different perspective?
- ① Sanctification is defined as being set apart for God's use, purpose, filled with His spirit and made holy. Since this does not happen naturally within humans, how does this spiritual transformation occur?
- ① The lesson states the Beatitudes define the essence of Jesus Christ. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- ① If the eight Beatitudes define the antithesis (opposite) of Satan, how would Satan rewrite each Beatitude and "reward" to align with his intent and desires for mankind? As you consider each one, can you identify examples?
- ① Why do you think poor in spirit was the first Beatitude spoken by Jesus?
- ① In Luke 18:10-14, Jesus compared two persons. Which one was an example of poor in spirit? Explain.
- ① The lesson states fleshly pride and poor in spirit are mutually exclusive. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- ① The lesson states there are 2 types of mourning: one occurs with physical death, the other with spiritual death. What good things may occur when someone mourns due to spiritual death?
- ① How did Jesus demonstrate meekness?
- ① Why should meekness be desired?
- ① What would cause someone to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- ① What does it mean to be merciful?
- ① What are indicators of one who is pure in heart versus one who is not pure in heart?
- ① James 3:17-18 was referenced as an introduction to peacemakers. Why?
- ① Why would someone persecute a Christian for their faith?
- ① The lesson states the Beatitudes are interdependent and synergistic. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- ① The lesson title states the Beatitudes are indicators of spiritual transformation. Although all of us need more of each in our lives, which Beatitude do you need the most?
- ① Which Beatitude is more predominant, mature or stronger in your life? Explain.