



Discussion group questions

You may find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/> Feel free to use all or some of the questions, or focus on particular areas that you think are helpful.

- Read Matthew 5v1-12 again. What does Jesus mean by "blessed"? How does that compare to when we "feel blessed"?
- Who are the people that are "blessed" according to Jesus? How would you sum up their character? Do you see glimmers of this in your own Christian life?
- What do the people who take on this life get? Which are described in the present tense (they begin as soon as you trust in Jesus) and which in the future (they come as you live it out, and will be completed when Jesus comes back)?
- Have you seen any of this in Christians you know? Can you "map" onto your life or their lives how becoming the way Jesus describes leads to the results he describes?
- What type of people is Jesus welcoming to his kingdom here? What type of Christianity or religion is he ruling out?

At Work

- How might we see the characteristics mentioned in Matthew 5v1-12 working out in a work context? How would being 'meek', or a 'peace-maker' go down?

Spend some time praying for one another in the group. Be specific about individuals responses to these verses