

A life to be envied – Mt. 5:1-12



In Mathew we have 5 blocks of teaching

1. Kingdom-life disciples – chs.5-7
2. Mission-driven disciples – ch.10
3. “Hidden-kingdom” disciples – ch.13
4. Community disciples – ch.18
5. Expectant pilgrim disciples – ch.24,25

1. The invitation to life



a. Sinners are invited – Mt.4:17; 9:10-13; Lk.19:1-10
God's grace is essential:-

1. He makes it possible for sinners to come in
2. He enables disciples to live kingdom-life

b. Fullness of life is described 9 times Jesus describes it as “Blessed” cf. John 10:10

2. The character of disciples



a. Humility – v.3-5

1. Seeing your spiritual poverty-v.3; Lk.18:9-14; Is.6:5; Rom.7:24 ; Ps.51:3
2. Sorrow over sin – v.4
3. Our relationship with God and others – v.5; Num.12:3; Phil.2:3,4

b. A passion for holiness – v.6-9



1. A hunger for righteousness –v.6
2. Reflecting God's character
 - a. Merciful – v.7
 - b. Peacemaker – v.9 ; Is.52:7; Phil.4:2,3
3. Single-minded devotion to God – v.8

c. Joy in suffering – v.10-12



Suffering will come because of:-

1. Righteousness – v.10
2. Following Jesus – v.11; John 15:18-25
3. Serving God – v.12

Being prepared for suffering – 2 Tim.3:12

Looking through suffering to glory – Rom.8:17,18;
2Cor.4:17

3. This is possible



- a. Jesus is our model
- b. The Spirit is our helper – 2 Cor.3:18
 - 1. What is the key motivation in your life?
 - 2. What does the hunger to be like Christ drive you to do?