

Discussion Questions - 9/12/21

Kingdom Upside Down-Part 1 (Matthew 5:1-4)

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions concerning the sermon text:

- The qualities in vv. 3-4 give us a picture of the kind of person that is truly blessed by God and that truly is part of God's kingdom.
 - What does 'poor in spirit' really mean? In other words, what would someone who is 'poor in spirit' believe? What would they believe about themselves and God?
 - Why would someone who mourns be comforted?
- In what ways do we fail to be 'poor in spirit'? How do most religions fail to grasp the reality of 'poor in Spirit'?
- In what ways do we fail to mourn?
- If these qualities lead to a blessed life, in what ways are trying to achieve a blessed life that are inconsistent with the teaching of Matthew 5:1-4.
- If we were truly 'poor in spirit' and 'those who mourn', how would we view other people and treat other people?