

**Who really is well off?**  
***Future Promises and Present Assurance***  
**Matthew 5:1-12**

**“This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.” I Corinthians 7:29-31**

# GROWTH GROUP GUIDE • WEEK 1: MATTHEW 5:1-9

## OPENER

Who is the most blessed person you have ever known? What makes you think of that person as blessed?

## BIBLE STUDY

Read through Matthew 5:1-9 and Psalm 16

Who is blessed?	How are they blessed?	Parallel in Psalm 16
5:3a	5:3b	16:5
5:4a	5:4b	16:8-9
5:5a	5:5b	16:6
5:6a	5:6b	16:7
5:7a	5:7b	16:10
5:8a	5:8b	16:11
5:9a	5:9b	

## DISCUSSION

- How does Jesus' paradigm change your thinking about who is truly blessed?
- Have you ever felt distant from the Kingdom of God, or felt like an outsider to God's church? What about Jesus' words made you feel like sticking around? Do you think you are included now?
- What types of people might feel like the Kingdom of God doesn't include them? Why might they feel that way?
- Think about the people in your life. Do you feel the Kingdom of God has anything to do with them? Do you live like Jesus can save them?

## MAKING ROOM TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Talk to your Growth Group about interactions you did or didn't have with the person God is putting on your heart to invite into His kingdom. Were you able to learn anything new about that person? What did you learn about yourself in the process? Did you think about anyone specifically when Matt was preaching on Sunday? Why do you think the Spirit brought that person to mind?