

# MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



## FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD

The Sermon on the Mount is a lengthy discourse given by Jesus on a hillside north of Capernaum, a fishing community on the northern edge of the Sea of Galilee. The first section, Matthew 5:3-12, is called "The Beatitudes." Each one tells how to be "Blessed" by God. The "blessed" are those who are truly a part of God's Kingdom; those who experience joy and hope, not because of their outward circumstances, but because of their inner spiritual relationship with God. True discipleship means faithful obedience to Jesus regardless of the cost or what the world thinks.

Matthew 5:4 (NIV) "**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**"

1. How do you define the word "**mourn**" or "mourning"?
2. What kinds of things do people mourn about? Mark 16:10; Revelation 18:11
3. What have you mourned over **PERSONALLY**?
4. Are there things we should mourn about **NATIONALLY**? Isaiah 61:2-3; Joel 1:8-13; Nahum 3:7; Romans 9:1-3; James 4:7-10
5. What should we mourn about **SPIRITUALLY**? Matthew 23:37-39
6. How do you define the word **COMFORT**?
7. Where or how do you find comfort when you are mourning? Psalm 119:52, 76; John 11:19; Colossians 4:11
8. What does God's **PROMISE** of comfort mean to you personally? To Christians in general?
9. Does comfort bring **hope** and **joy** to our lives? If so, how? 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Philippians 2:1-2
10. **ROLE PLAY**: Ask for volunteers to role play one of the following scenarios;
  - A. Your chapter gets word of a traveling biker in the local hospital. You go visit him and find out the following; he was going too fast and failed to negotiate a curve and hit a tree. He has multiple broken bones and long term injuries. His bike is totaled; his fiancé is critical and may not live. He is un-churched and a non-believer. Attempt to comfort him in a way that gives him hope. How can he find God's blessing in the midst of such tragedy?

B. In your monthly chapter meeting, a couple reveals the husband has lost his job. Their home is in foreclosure and they are filing bankruptcy. They have to sell their bike to pay bills. How do you comfort this couple and help them find hope and joy and blessing from God in the midst of their loss?

**PRAYER:** Pray for chapter members who are mourning and offer them God's comfort, hope and joy.