



## **“Blessed”**

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1. When you hear the word “blessed,” what comes to mind? In our current cultural context, what does it mean to be blessed? How do you know when you are blessed and in what ways are you blessed, or how would you like to be blessed?
2. Read Matthew 5:1-12 and discuss the countercultural differences. How do the verses resonate with you? Which Beatitudes stand out to you most during this time in your life? Why?
3. Makarios was defined as a common salutation in historical times, translated to how we use the word “congratulations” regarding a “good life”. Is a good life and makarios synonymous with a good life, God life, both?
4. How do the Beatitudes give hope to those who are grieving, struggling/suffering, feeling powerless, or overlooked? What is one truth you can focus on this week?