

11-03-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The Beatitudes speak primarily to disposition of the soul, inward postures toward God, other people, ourselves, and the created order. They direct us to attitudes of mind and habits of heart that result in our actual way of being in the world”

Marjorie J. Thompson



Matthew 5:1-12

Questions for Reflection —

- Who are the saints in your life who have influenced your walk of faith? What people have directly or indirectly brought Christ into your life? What inspires you most in the stories and examples of the saints who have preceded you? How do those stories and examples give you hope and courage in the face of adversity?

- What do you think it looks like to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes? What Beatitudes resonates most with you? What would it mean for you to “live” that Beatitude? What Beatitude most challenges you or makes you feel uncomfortable? How might that particular Beatitude be calling you to see the world in a new way?

- In what ways do you see the Beatitudes reflected in the life of our congregation? How do our programs and ministries bring the values underlying the Beatitudes to concrete reality? What can we do to promote values of God’s kin(g)dom—love, compassion and justice—in the secular world? How are we called to extend blessing to those outside the walls (literal or figural) of the church?

Daily Household Prayer

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus. Amen.