



**Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!**

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** #NotWhatYouThink, 5/23/2021- The first message in our #BLESSED series looks at the “Blessed” statements from Jesus. What we think will get us a good life usually doesn’t. Instead what Jesus teaches us is the stuff on the inside and our spiritual journey lead to the fullness He has for us. There is a deeper kind of happy for you. It’s a journey and God cares more about your inside. Don’t miss the best stuff He has for you. (*Passages: Matthew 5:1-12, Proverbs 4:23, 1 Peter 5:6, Psalm 51:10*)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

Do you have a story about something you thought would work for your benefit then didn’t? Can you share it with the group?

What types of things do people think will improve their life but can turn out empty?

Read Matthew 5:1-12 What are your initial thoughts as you read or hear this passage?

Read Proverbs 4:23 in the New Living Translation (use a phone if you need to.) Jesus focuses us on the inside, our hearts and specifically our spiritual journey in this passage. How is this different from how most people try to find happiness? How could this lead to a deeper happiness?

Which one of the 8 (or 9 depending on who you are talking to) “beatitudes” (like poor in spirit, meek, etc.) sticks out to you? Why? Is there one you could use some work on?

What is the “for theirs is the” statements do you think you like the best (if you had to pick one...we know they are all great)? Why did you pick that one?

How could you either get started or get growing by focusing on one of these areas this week? Is there a specific situation you could apply that area to?

**Group Challenge:** Write down a personal prayer requests from each group member. Commit to praying for each other every day until the next group time.