

Matthew 10 – The Blessed Life of a Disciple

Matthew 5:1-9

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): Recognizing our own failings is the first step in a blessed life – that is, one in which our character becomes more like Christ's

Intro to the Sermon on the Mount

- Who is the Sermon for? Who is Jesus speaking to?
 - Sermon on the Mount is given primarily to disciples
 - Jesus had gathered crowds (popular Jesus), but what he really wanted was disciples
 - Sermon is for multiple audiences, primarily to the disciples, but the crowds (lost) are listening in.
- How are we to understand the sermon?
 - Different views of the Sermon
 - Medieval Roman Catholic – two-tiered ethic
 - Luther – public versus private
 - Anabaptist and Ancient Church – plain reading
 - Lutheran and Reformed orthodoxy - Paulinized
 - Good Person view
 - Liberal views – interim (Jesus not divine)
 - What is right?
 - Description of Kingdom life
 - Despite difficulties (misunderstandings), it is a call to a life of radical discipleship

Point 1 – The Character of a Disciple

- Poor in Spirit
- Those who mourn
- The meek

Point 2 – The Passion of a Disciple

- The pivotal beatitude
- Hunger and thirst for righteousness
 - First three are preliminary attitudes, following three are fruits
- Hunger for righteousness in four areas
 - Alien Righteousness – justification
 - Personal righteousness – sanctification
 - Social righteousness – cultural sanctification
 - Heavenly righteousness – glorification

Point 3 – The Fruit of a Disciple

- Merciful
- Pure in heart
- Peacemakers
- Ultimately Christ is the greatest example of all the beatitudes