

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Matthew 5

1. Define the term "Beatitude". How do the attitudes and behaviors that Jesus describes in Matthew 5:1-12 help us find true happiness?
2. What does Jesus mean by "being poor in spirit" in v. 3? After reading Isaiah 6:5 and Revelation 1:17, describe in what specific ways this definition differs from how people believe and act today.
3. In vs. 13-16, Jesus portrays the church as *salt* and *light* in the world. What is the point of these illustrations? How are you (or could you) have this kind of impact on those around you?
4. How do vs. 17-18 describe Jesus's relationship to the Law of Moses? What kind of righteousness is Jesus calling us to in v. 20?
5. In vs. 43-48 Jesus teaches us about loving our neighbors and praying for our enemies. Why does Jesus call us to this? How can God and the Holy Spirit help us accomplish this daunting task? Is there anyone in your life right now that your heart has hardened against? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you specific ways to pray for and love this person.