



Series: The BeaUtitudes | Sermon: Wide-eyed Wonderment | By Pastor Tracy Pounders | May 7, 2017

Opening Prayer: Lord, help me to hunger for peace and mercy. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

Happy people have peace in their lives. That peace begins with God. God comforts us to enable our peace including our peace with others. How can we be merciful and pure in heart? Consider this while discussing the following questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *The focus – God blesses those who seek a pure heart to help others.*

1. **Read Matthew 5:4.** What comforts you the most when you are sad or having a bad day? Explain why that brings you peace during your struggle.
2. **Read Matthew 5:6 – 8.** Pastor Tracy explained that we did not earn righteousness, but Jesus still gave it to us. Is that difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
3. Jesus said the merciful will be shown mercy. When is the last time you witnessed someone being merciful?
4. Pastor Tracy said that Jesus will always focus on the heart of people. Why is the heart so important to Jesus?
5. Jesus said that peacemakers will be called children of God. Is it possible to have peace with everyone? Explain why or why not.

THINKING FORWARD

Jesus made it a point for us to know what qualities he wants us to have. God has made peace with you. Live out that peace in your attitude toward others.

VERSE TO GO

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)

Close in prayer