



THE JESUS LIFE

03/20/2022 "The Grateful Life"

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate in these verses?
2. These are some of Jesus' most famous words, why do you think that is?
3. How does Jesus' message correspond to or contrast with modern expectations?
4. Jesus states that the poor, meek, persecuted and so on, *are* blessed, not, *will be* blessed. What difference does the present vs future tense make in understanding these verses?
5. Read Matthew 5:1-12 using the Message (MSG) version (you can find this at biblegateway.com or on the YouVersion Bible app). What differences stand out to you from this version?
6. Is there anything in this version that helps you gain a better understanding of the text?
7. How is being grateful good for you? When have you seen the positive effects of gratitude?
8. Jesus says, "yes you are blessed, right here and now". How do we practice gratitude even when life is tough?
9. What are a few things that you take for granted but are truly really thankful for?
10. If you are a Christian, what are you most grateful for when it comes to your faith or what Jesus has done? Why?
11. Take a few minutes to write down five things for which you are grateful. How can you incorporate this practice of gratitude into your regular routine?