



Week 2: Who Has The Good Life?

Ice Breaker:

Name one 'life-changing' event/item that has occurred in your lifetime.

Group Discussion and Questions:

1. Before you begin today's discussion, as a group, read Matthew 5:1-12. **What stands out as you read this passage together? Is there an aspect of this passage that particularly challenges or encourages you?**
2. Josh said the Beatitudes are not 'commanding,' but 'announcing' that Jesus is "on the side" of various people/groups who may have felt disempowered by the customs/culture of their time. **How does this impact your understanding of the Beatitudes as you seek to understand its application to our lives?**
3. Josh reminded us that we need to lift people up, not look down on them and that God's blessing is available to everyone...no matter what they have done. **Can you think of anyone in your life who you find difficult to relate to or understand, but who you can lift up or encourage-despite your differences?**
4. Josh said Jesus was killed in part because Jesus was making God accessible to everyone, not just a select few. **How have modern Christians unintentionally made God less accessible to others? What are ways we can help make God accessible to everyone?**

Prayer Requests:

Make time to share and hear from each group member, and take time to pray for one another specifically before you close your time this week.