



New Beginnings

Sermon Based Small Group Plan
January 29, 2017

Sermon Title:

“Court and Covenant”

Preaching: Rev. Charles Svendsen

Text: Matthew 5:1-12 and Micah 6:1-8

Open in Prayer: Lord Jesus, we come humbly to your word seeking to be more like you. Be our amazing teacher as we learn every day we have life in faith as we are obedient to your call. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Fellowship Question: When do you feel most blessed?

Take time to read the Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 and Micah 6:1-8

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

- How would you describe the opposite of each quality?
- Is Jesus describing who his followers are in the beatitudes? Or prescribing what the followers must do?
- How does this section of scripture describe the kingdom of God?
- How do the beatitudes connect with the idea of being “salt and light” in our communities?
- How do these promised blessings connect with what most people prize in our world?
- When you look at the list of 8 beatitudes, which one are you doing well on and which one is your future goal for this next year?
- What do you think your reward in heaven will be like?

The Challenge: To live into the full reality of the beatitudes.

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for people to come to the Lord for their salvation.
- Pray for WPC and its mission efforts around the world.
- Pray for the church as we seek to live for the kingdom of God.
- Pray for the Alpha Course on Sundays to touch lives.

Mission Encouragement for the winter:

- Think about being a part of the next brand **New Alpha Course**. Starting on January 22nd at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Center. Go to www.alphausa.org for more info.
- Continue to give our food donations to Manna – “Souper Bowl of Caring” on Feb. 5th

Leader notes:

- Thanks for all you do as a small group leader.
- See if there are new people who might want to be a part of your group.