

# THE JESUS WAY

## WIDE WELCOME

MATTHEW 5:3-12 | MAY 23, 2024

### The Beatitudes challenge me to

#### 1. Redefine \_\_\_\_\_

Happiness is not avoiding \_\_\_\_\_;  
it's embracing them as \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Reframe \_\_\_\_\_

Count yourself \_\_\_\_\_ if you have \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Receive \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus says not you \_\_\_\_\_ be, but you \_\_\_\_\_ be

Jesus is saying, "\_\_\_\_\_."

### Resources used in preparation of this message:

Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*

John Ortberg, *Insurmountable*

## QUESTIONS *For personal reflection or group discussion*

1. Read Matthew 5:3-12. Jesus is welcoming into his kingdom all those often rejected by other social structures: The weak, the destitute, the meek. He saw them and invited them in. How does this make you feel? What does this imply about how to see others?

2. To be "poor in spirit" means to be spiritually bankrupt; to "hit bottom." Why is this actually a blessing, though it may not feel like it at the time? Have you even hit bottom in your own life and realized you needed God? Why is the opposite of this, pride, such a danger to the spiritual life?

3. Look at the promises at the end of each beatitude. How does believing and embracing that these are true help when you are mourning or slandered or insulted -- or any of the other conditions in these verses?

## LIFE AT TLC

### HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

We acknowledge and honor those who've paid the ultimate price for our country.

### AFTER PARTY

New to TLC? We'd love to meet you! Fill out a Welcome Card and grab a welcome bag after service at the After Party table in the lobby!

### WELCOME LUNCH NEXT WEEK

New or want to take the next step to get connected or involved here? Join us next Sunday 6/2 12:15-1:15pm in the College Ministry Building next to Loft Coffee. Lunch is FREE and kids are welcome! Hope to see you there!

### SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR GRAD WEEKEND

Send your 2024 graduate photos now to [val@tlc.org](mailto:val@tlc.org) to be featured in the slideshow 6/8 & 9. Graduates of all ages!

### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS EVENTS

Calling young professionals post-college to late 30s! We have a summer of connection and fun planned. Email [jared@tlc.org](mailto:jared@tlc.org) for details.

### SUMMER LINEUP

Summer is just around the corner and we have some great fun in store! Check out what is happening in June:

**June 1/2** - Summer Kick Off with Ice Cream Sundaes at all services & Welcome Lunch

**June 8/9** - Celebrate the Graduates (whether you graduated from Kindergarten or College, we're going to celebrate you!)

**June 15/16** - Father's Day Weekend - gift for all dads

**June 23** - Annual Meeting following the Sunday 11am service

**June 29/30** - Independence Weekend BBQ

Daily video devotions: [tlc.org/devos](https://tlc.org/devos) Weekly newsletter: [tlc.org/newsletter](https://tlc.org/newsletter)

Prayer: [tlc.org/prayer](https://tlc.org/prayer) Offering: [tlc.org/give](https://tlc.org/give)