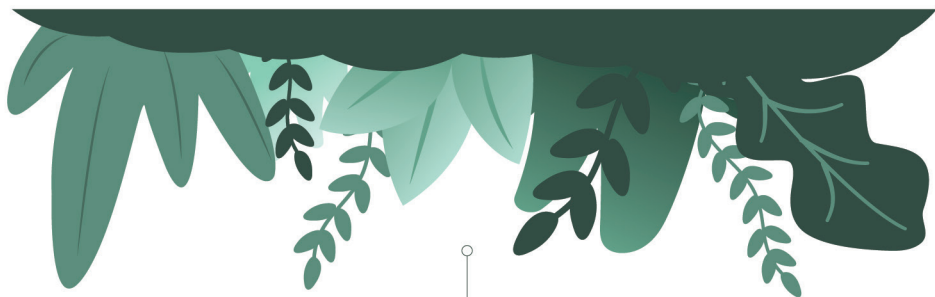

BLESSED ARE THOSE



who mourn



“Blessed are those who mourn, for
they shall be comforted”

MATTHEW 5:4

THOSE WHO MOURN

Definition

Those who have reached the bottom of the barrel, whether it is spiritual or emotional or financial, or those who see the bankruptcy of those around them.*

Declaration Of Faith

We believe that your kingdom is not like this world for those who mourn will be neither forgotten nor ignored. They will be attended to with care and the love of the Lord will be a healing balm to their heart. Their example will flavor the earth with its saltiness and shine as a light on a hill as they are held up as examples of God's faithfulness.

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we acknowledge that you are holy and the ways of your kingdom are right. Bring your kingdom without delay. Help us to rightly mourn our sin that we would be comforted by your grace. Help us to comfort those who mourn with the comfort we have received from you. Provide for all our needs as we mourn and comfort those who mourn. Forgive us when we run to other comforts and when we fail to comfort those who mourn. Grant that as we mourn and comfort one another together, we would be salt and light to any outside your kingdom, that they too might enter and join us. Amen.

Discussion Questions

While Jesus was on earth, when do we see Him mourn?

What stands out about Him in those moments?

What thoughts do you have about God when you are mourning?

Action

Ask the Lord to help you identify someone in your life who is mourning.

Write a prayer and deliver it to them. If you are in a season of mourning, write a prayer expressing your honest thoughts before God. Remind Him of His promise to comfort you and ask Him for that comfort. Consider sharing your experience with a Life Group member and ask him/her to pray for you.

Memorize Matthew 5:4

Expand His Kingdom

Is there someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus that might benefit from what this passage taught you?

* Wilkins, M. J. (2004). Matthew (p. 205). Zondervan Publishing House.