

THE Story

Lesson 10 Chapter 24 No Ordinary Man (Pt 3) p.340-343

1. On page 340, we have the introduction to Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" that is usually referred to as the Beatitudes. There is nothing quite like the Beatitudes in all of scripture. The Beatitudes turn the world's value system upside down. In 8 brief statements Jesus describes the lifestyle that God, our Creator, desires and rewards.

- ALL Christians are to be like this.
- ALL Christians are to manifest ALL of these character qualities.
- The Beatitudes are a check list for authentic Christianity.
- The Beatitudes are not placed in haphazard order

In what ways do you see a vital and spiritual logic in the progression of ideas in these eight statements?

In what ways do the Beatitudes become increasingly difficult to live out?

2. Why do you suppose that Jesus expands his thoughts on the last beatitude?

3. On the top of page 341, what is the significance of the two metaphors Jesus uses to describe the relationship that those who belong to His Kingdom should have to the world?

4. In the middle paragraph on page 341, Jesus talks about hypocrites (an actor...one who plays a part). How do hypocrisy and verbosity go together?

5. Why might the so called "Lord's Prayer" on the bottom of page 341 be also called the "Disciple's Prayer"?

What may we learn from the order of the petitions?

What must be true about our relationship to God and to our fellow-men if we are to make it our prayer?

6. After the prayer, why and how does Jesus expand on the subject of forgiveness?

To think and pray about...who do I need to forgive and what steps do I need to take to forgive someone who has hurt me?

7. The first 3 paragraphs on the top of page 342 are a word to the rich. What should our attitude be toward worldly wealth?

How does Jesus underscore the character and danger of worldly wealth?

8. The next two paragraphs on page 342 are to the "not so rich." Circle the times Jesus refers to "worry". So how would you define the word "worry"?

What reasons does Jesus give to support His repeated commands not to worry?

9. The conclusion of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" is provided for us at the bottom of page 342 to the top of page 343. What two categories of men and women does Jesus identify?

How is it possible to be building---yet building foolishly?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace