

## Aug. 23rd J.G. Questions

### Declaration of Dependence

#### Beatitudes Wk. #1

1. Begin this week pairing off with a partner in your group alternating verses as you read through [Matt. 5:1-10](#).

2. It was the great pastor John Stott that said, *“The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the least understood, and certainly it is the least obeyed...”*

Do you agree with John?

Have you ever spent much time looking at this particular passage of Scripture.

3. Jump to the end of the Sermon on the Mount ([Matt. 7:24-27](#)). Talk as a group about why it is important for us to have a good understanding of what Jesus was teaching and apply these truths to our lives.

4. This week I shared three *“Starting Points”* for the Beatitudes. Re-read this list and talk about the ones that stick out most in your mind. Why?

- This list **should describe** us.
- This list **would distinguish** us.
- This list **will transform** us.

5. We talk a lot at Plum Creek about how our lives should look different to those who have yet to step across the line of faith. Read [Romans 12:2](#), [Matthew 5:3-10](#) & [1Peter 2:9-12](#). This list in Matthew should be descriptive of our lives. What thoughts do you have about this? How do you feel you are doing exemplifying this list in your life?

6. The result for those that live this way is that you will enjoy “true happiness”. When you think about our culture; how do you see others living in attempt to experience happiness? How have you done this?

7. What can we do during this series to allow this passage of Scripture to “transform us”?

8. Conclude your group by praying together for any specific prayer needs and also that God would tenderize each of our hearts to help each of us at Plum Creek be “transformed” by our study of Jesus’ words in this passage of Scripture.