

**Word notes Sunday 11/7/2010 Tony Hodge**  
**Jesus' teachings: The Sermon on the Mount 1**

**Summary** (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

**Key Text: Matthew 5:1-16**

Jesus starts to teach his disciples not by a great long treatise on the law but by describing "Kingdom People". The Beatitudes as they are known can be applied each one to an individual but taken as a whole paint a picture of someone who has come to salvation through Jesus, acts in a certain way to those around them and deals with opposition just as Jesus did. They fall into 3 sections:

- 1, Inner happiness through salvation because we are:
  - Poor in spirit - knowing we can do nothing to save ourselves
  - Mourning - knowing we are lost without God
  - Meek - ready to accept Jesus as Lord
  - Hungering for righteousness - yearning to be right with God.
- 2, Inner happiness through our relationships with others:
  - Merciful – demonstrating God's mercy
  - Pure in heart – being people of the Kingdom
  - Peacemakers - being Jesus to others and showing God's love.
- 3, Inner happiness because of the reward Jesus has for us when for His sake we are:
  - Insulted - made fun of, sidelined
  - Persecuted – from minor inconveniences here to real persecution in other places
  - Falsely accused – eg of hating sinners when we know Jesus died for them (us!).

In all these ways we are Salt and Light to the world.

**Application** (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

Read Luke 6:20-27 and discuss some or all of these questions:

1. Compare Luke 6:20-27 and Matt 5:1-16. What similarities do you see and what differences?
2. Looking at those who are blessed (Mt 5:1-12 & Lk 6:20-22) how can we in turn be a blessing to others? How does this work for the "difficult" ones of being blessed when we're under attack?
3. Looking at Luke 6:24-26 does any of this apply to Christians, if so how (eg should we never laugh)?

Break down into pairs or threes and share briefly how you would like to grow in being "Salt & Light" based on Matt 5:1-12. Pray for each other to grow in Jesus in order to see that happen.

**Witness** (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

What will your cell be doing of the holidays that can involve outreach – BBQ, parties, picnics?