## "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn" Matthew 5:4 October 2, 2022 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

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## Next Steps For Next Week:

Read Matthew 5:1-12 This section is typically referred to as "The Beatitudes." What does "beatitude" mean? It is the introduction of the larger passage known as "The Sermon on the Mount." (Matthew 5-7) In this sermon, Jesus is hoping to define the values of the Kingdom of Heaven. What are some of these values that fly in the face of some of our common "western" values?

Read Matthew 5:4 Why does this phrase seem like such a huge paradox in our culture? How do you typically grieve losses or disappointments or tragedies in you life? What is the promise Jesus gives to those who mourn appropriately?

Read Nehemiah 1 Why did Nehemiah grieve so deeply? How did he respond to his deep grief?

Read John 14 Why were the disciples troubled? How does Jesus comfort them? What promise does Jesus make to them?

Read John 16 Why is it for our good that Jesus "goes away?" What are other words used for the work of Holy Spirit? How can the Holy Spirit give us comfort?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 How is God described in this passage? What does Paul say God will do in our troubles? How does God want to use the challenges you face in your life?

Read Hebrews 4:12-16 Is anything hidden from God? Who is our "Great High Priest?" How does our great high priest relate to our troubles? How should we approach God? What will we receive when we approach God?