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LifeGroups
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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Beach Baptism
June 27th - 6:00 p.m.

July 4th
Churchwide
Cookout
Sunday, July 4th

Sharing Jesus
without Fear
Wednesdays
July 7th - 28th
7:00 p.m.

FCWS Baby
Bottles Returned
Sunday, July 4th

Save the Date:
Chets Chicks
Women's Retreat
Friday & Saturday
October 1st & 2nd



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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Blessing"

FOCUS: To discuss the prescription for living in true happiness and having a blessed life.

"1Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2and he began to teach them saying: 3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:1-12

1. What does the word Beatitude mean?
2. Rewrite the Beatitudes, writing them to mean the opposite of what Jesus intended.

v.3 _____
v.4 _____
v.5 _____
v.6 _____
v.7 _____
v.8 _____
v.9 _____
v.10 _____
v.11 _____

3. Complete the following table to identify the true meaning of each Beatitude.

Verse	Character	Cause
(v.3)		
(v.4)		
(v.5)		
(v.6)		
(v.7)		
(v.8)		
(v.9)		
(vs.10-12)		

4. Compare/Contrast (Matt. 5:1-12) with (Luke 6:17-26).
How are the passages similar?
How do they differ?
5. In which of the Beatitudes do you practice well?
6. In which of the Beatitudes do you need to improve?
7. Where do you look for happiness? How is it working for you?
8. How should the promise of (v.12) impact the way we live?

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

<u>June/July</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Proverbs</u>
27	2 Kings 4:1-5:14	Acts 4:1-22	77:1-6	16:21-22
28	2 Kings 5:15-7:9	Acts 4:23-5:11	77:7-12	16:23-24
29	2 Kings 7:10-9:13	Acts 5:12-32	77:13-20	16:25-26
30	2 Kings 9:14-10:36	Acts 5:33-6:15	78:1-8	16:27-28
1	2 Kings 11:1-13:9	Acts 7:1-22	78:9-16	16:29-30
2	2 Kings 13:10-15:15	Acts 7:23-43	78:17-22	16:31-33
3	2 Kings 15:16-16:20	Acts 7:44-8:13	78:23-31	17:1-2
4	2 Kings 17:1-41	Acts 8:4-40	78:32-39	17:3-4

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Salvation - John 3:1-16; Ephesians 2:1-10

To explore the meaning and power of salvation and be challenged to be living examples of God's grace.

MONDAY - JUNE 28, 2010

Read John 3:1-3

1Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." 3In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

- Nicodemus was a Pharisee. The Pharisees had been criticized often by Jesus for being hypocrites. They were antagonistic toward Jesus and His followers. Do you think this had anything to do with Nicodemus coming to Jesus at night?
- What does Nicodemus acknowledge about Jesus and who He is in the very first statement he makes to Jesus?
- How does Jesus answer Nicodemus?

TUESDAY - JUNE 29, 2010

Read John 3:4-6

4"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" 5Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit[a] gives birth to spirit."

- What does Jesus say that confuses Nicodemus?
- How does Jesus explain the difference in physical birth (water) and spiritual birth (spirit)?
- What is Jesus saying here about salvation?

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 30, 2010

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

1As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

- What causes a person to be spiritually dead?
- Is every one born physically alive but spiritually dead?
- Who has the power to give you spiritual life?

THURSDAY - JULY 1, 2010

Read Ephesians 2:4-7

4But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

- What is God's motivation for providing spiritual life for us?
- What was the price to be paid for your sins?
- Who paid that price?
- Were you worthy of God's love when Jesus paid the price on the cross for your sins?
- Does salvation end with the cross?

FRIDAY - JULY 2, 2010

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast. 10For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Which of the following qualifies you for salvation (God's saving grace)?
 1. the things you do and say
 2. the kind of person you are
 3. the good deeds you do
 4. nothing that you could ever do or say
- Who provides salvation- you or God?
- Do you deserve God's grace? What does He want from us after we come to faith in Christ?
- Have you ever trusted Christ for your own personal salvation or are you depending on how good a person you can be to be your salvation?