

## FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The Beatitudes are both a promise and a demand. They promise God’s action breaking into the affairs of the world. They demand that Christ’s follower’s manifest kingdom values in their daily life.”

- Joel Bengbeng



Micah 6:6-8 ✠ Matthew 5:1-12

### Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean to do justice in our world today? What is your role in promoting the common good wherever you find yourself? What do fairness and equality look like in various larger spheres of life beyond the individual — e.g. family, economy, politics? In what circumstances/situations and for what vulnerable and powerless people are fairness and equality lacking? How can we as a congregation join in God’s transforming work to bring about new realities that better reflect God’s compassion and love for all of humanity?
  
- With what qualities of God’s kingdom as elaborated in the Beatitudes do you struggle the most? What most disrupts the present status quo of your life? Which Beatitude resonates with you the most? Why? What do you need in order to better witness to and manifest God’s kingdom values in your daily life? How can we as a congregation partner with God’s action breaking into the affairs of the world?
  
- What comes to mind when you think of the word *blessing*? What do you think it means to be blessed by God? To be blessed by another person? When/how have you received God’s blessing? When/how have you received blessing from another person? What does it look like for you to be a blessing? In what ways have you been a blessing to someone else? Who in your life might presently be in need of your acting as a blessing to them?

### Daily Household Prayer

Gracious God, enliven us to see those who suffer and thirst for righteousness; open us to meekness; teach us to be humble and gentle; guide us in valuing the qualities of your kingdom, so that the church of Jesus Christ may be a light to the world and others may know of your love. Amen.