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Ben Bailey

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Curtis Johnson

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Sam Massey

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Daniel Ortega

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Lynn Mundy

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SPARKS PICK UP

Let God Arise
Ben Bailey

“God, Blessing and Life”

Lesson Two - March 10, 2019

Matthew 5:1-12

INTRODUCTION

LIVING IN GOD’S KINGDOM

The Sermon on the Mount is an _____ and
_____ explanation on what life in the
Kingdom of God is like.

1. **The Kingdom of God is a blessing-rich life** _____.
2. **God is the** _____ **and**
_____ **blessor.**
3. **Jesus’ life** _____ **the**
_____.

CONCLUSION

Small Group Questions for March 10, 2019

1. Recognizing in Scripture that God is joyful and loving affects our understanding of life in His kingdom in what ways?
2. How has the Kingdom of God blessed your life?





Learning to “Pray Scripture” is the topic of the second week of our DRAW NEAR study. There are many benefits to using Scripture to shape our prayer life. One benefit is to allow God’s inspired Word to direct the content of our prayers. For example, praying Scripture can keep the content of our prayers from becoming merely petitionary. Another benefit of praying Scripture is that it helps us to pray God’s will for our life. How do we expect to do God’s will as expressed in Scripture if we are not prayerfully asking His help. A third benefit is that Scripture (such as the Psalms) can supply words for our prayers when we struggle in difficult times with words to express our pain, grief or dismay.

Day One: Take ten minutes to memorize the familiar words of Galatians 5:22-23.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Day Two: Take ten minutes to use this Scripture as a personal prayer for spiritual growth. Here is a simple example of how that prayer might be worded:

Father, I desire to bear the fruit of the Spirit in my life. Through Your Spirit, help me to become a person of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I pray that You help me especially in the areas of (fill in the blank) and (fill in the blank) because they are areas of weakness in my spiritual life. Also, Father, reveal to me those areas of weakness that are hidden to me. Thank You for the presence of the Spirit. In Jesus’ name, AMEN.

Day Three: Take ten minutes to pray this Scripture for a friend or family member. For example, a prayer for a child using the fruit of the Spirit might be worded like this:

Father, I pray that as my child grows up, their life be marked with the fruit of Your Spirit. I pray that they learn to love people and the right things. I pray they find joy in Your Kingdom and experience the peace that passes understanding. Help them to learn self-control and gentleness. Bless this child in the name of Jesus, AMEN.

Day Four: Take ten minutes to pray this Scripture in your relationship with a difficult person.

Father, I ask for Your help to be godly in my relationship with (fill in the blank). I pray to learn to love them although there are times when I do not like them. Help me through Your Spirit to be patient with them, self-controlled when I am tempted to be angry with them and kind because I do not always want to be kind. In Jesus’ name, AMEN.