

DID GOD REALLY SAY?

PART 4 | I'M SO BLESSED

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Key Takeaways

1.) Cultural vs. Biblical Definition of Blessing

- Blessings are often misconstrued as material possessions or success.
- Biblically, blessings can be seen in spiritual growth, character development, and living according to God's will.

2.) The Beatitudes as a Blueprint for Blessing

- Matthew 5 outlines the Beatitudes, emphasizing spiritual virtues like humility, mercy, and righteousness.
- True blessings align with these virtues, not worldly achievements or possessions.

3.) Misconceptions About Prosperity and Faith

- The sermon critiques the "prosperity gospel," which equates material wealth with divine favor.
- Authentic faith seeks God's presence and guidance, regardless of external circumstances.

4.) The Role of Faith in Times of Adversity

- Trials and tribulations are opportunities for spiritual blessings.
- Remaining faithful, even in hardship, reflects a deeper relationship with God.

5.) Jesus as the Ultimate Example

- Jesus' life and sacrifice highlight the true essence of blessing, portrayed through love, sacrifice, and obedience to God's will.

Discussion Questions

1.) Understanding Blessings

- How has your perception of blessings changed after hearing the sermon?
- Can you share an experience where you felt blessed despite challenging circumstances?

2.) Analyzing the Beatitudes

- Which Beatitude from Matthew 5 resonates most with you and why?
- How can we cultivate these attitudes in our daily lives?

3.) Challenging Misconceptions

- What are some common misconceptions about blessings you have encountered?
- How can we help others understand the true nature of blessings external circumstances.

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4.) Moving Beyond Materialism

- Discuss ways we can focus on spiritual growth rather than material gain.
- How can our community support each other in pursuing spiritual blessings?

5.) Reflecting on Jesus' Example

- How does Jesus' example challenge us to think differently about what it means to be blessed?
- In what ways can we embody Jesus' teachings in our own lives?

Practical Application

1.) Reflect and Journal

- Spend time reflecting on personal definitions of blessing. Journal how these align or differ from the teachings of the Beatitudes.

2.) Embrace Kingdom Values

- Consciously practice one Beatitude this week. For example, actively seek ways to be a peacemaker or extend mercy to others.

3.) Community Service

- Organize a service project as a group, focusing on embodying the principles of mercy and compassion taught by Jesus.

4.) Prayer and Meditation

- Dedicate time each day for prayer and meditation, asking God to align your desires and understanding with His will.

5.) Accountability Partnerships

- Partner with another group member to discuss and support each other in cultivating spiritual blessings over material pursuits.