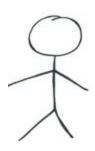


Pastor Kris Beckert May 6, 2018 5:1-9 Embodying Happiness
Matthew

How do you look when you're happy?

How do you look when you're sad?





Matthew 5:1-7 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Happy are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Happy are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Happy are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Happy are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. <sup>7</sup>Happy are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy..."

## **Embodying happiness:**

I. The Start:
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Who is happy? Why are they happy?

Matthew 5:8 "... Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God..."

II. The Effect:
III. The Response:
Who is happy? Why are they happy?
Matthew 5:9 "Happy are the <b>peacemakers</b> , for they will be called <b>children of God</b> "

## **Point:**

## Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

- How would you describe the condition of your heart? What is making it dirty—anger, regret, mixed motives, sadness, envy, lust, etc.? Where do you need God's help to be cleansed?
- 2. How has your ability to sense and see God at work been impacted by what's going on in your heart?
- 3. Have you ever experienced God's happiness/peace in the midst of a chaotic situation because your heart was pure?
- 4. In what ways do you look for peace? In what ways are you seeking to make peace?
- 5. Whose battle is Christ calling you to step into? How has God equipped you to bring peace in this battle?

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