

# “WOW! This Is Really Different!”

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From the world’s perspective, a blessed person is one who is or has:

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## Setting the Stage - Part 1

People of God are to be different.

- Leviticus 18:1-4
- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is elaborating on how different we are supposed to be. Living in the Kingdom of God is a different lifestyle.

## Setting the Stage - Part 2 (Matthew 4:25 – 5:2, Page 1501)

- Focus is on the disciples.
- This is not what we do to get in the Kingdom but the way we are called upon to live as part of the Kingdom.

Beatitudes – A list of characteristics that (in some form) mark or describe the people of the Kingdom. All begin with “Blessed”.

- Psalm 1:1-3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

“Blessed are those who mourn.”

“Blessed are the meek.”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

“Blessed are the merciful.” (Matthew 18:21-35)

“Blessed are the pure in heart.”

“Blessed are the peacemakers.” (Philippians 4:2-3)

“Blessed are those who are persecuted.” (Matthew 5:10-12)

Are we different?

Are we making a difference?

Matthew 5:13-16

Salt of the Earth

Light of the World

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group

*Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

What is your main "take-away" from this week? How do you plan to live that out?

How have you defined "blessed" in your past? Has that changed in the past couple of years?

What has been the main hindrance to your being different from the world around you?

What has the main hindrance to your making a difference in the world?

Read over the various scriptures presented in this week's sermon and write out some thoughts about what God might be teaching you. (Note: these might be different than what was presented in the sermon.)

