



All Saints' Sunday 2024
"When Jesus Sees the Crowds"

Matthew 5:1-12:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Questions:

- *When have you had an experience that has shattered the illusion of your self-sufficiency and caused you to realize your dependence upon God?*
- *When have you had an experience that has reminded you of God's nearness?*
- *When have you had an experience that reminded you that you are not alone in your faith?*

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Questions:

- *Who have you known who feels the brokenness of the world, who longs for and works for restoration?*
- *What voices, authors, musicians do you keep close to you because they remind you that God's Kingdom is breaking into this world?*
- *How do you make sure that you can hear the voices that remind you of God's character every week or every day?*

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Questions:

- *Do you have "favorite saints" among the ones who are well-known for the ways they have suffered with Jesus? Thank God for them today.*
 - *If you want to get to know the saints of the Church better, check out Our Church Speaks on Facebook or Instagram.*
- *Who do you know personally who has suffered for their allegiance to Jesus and his Kingdom?*
- *Have you ever been excluded, rejected, slandered, or suffered in other ways for your faith in Jesus?*

