Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Attitudes, Part Two" Matthew 5:6-12 January 14, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

- 1. What is righteousness (verse 6)?
 - a. Where does righteousness come from?
- 2. How can we get to the point where we actually hunger and thirst to be like Him?
 - a. What else do you have in your life that you hunger and thirst for?
 - b. Can you let go of it?
- 3. How can we conform every area of our lives to His will?
- 4. Why does being merciful require a change of attitude (verse 7)?
 - a. Why is it the merciful who receive mercy?
- 5. The pure heart is not divided. Why is that necessary to see God?
 - a. How does that help us see God working in our lives and the world around us?
- 6. How can you tell if your heart is divided?
 - a. What competes with God for your heart?
- 7. What does it mean to be a son of God?
 - a. How does being a peacemaker show that we are sons of God?

- 8. What is it about us that may bring legitimate persecution?
 - a. Why should that make us rejoice?