

## THE BEATITUDES: Our King — His Kingdom — His Citizens

### 3. Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Matthew 5:4

#### Discussion Questions

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1. *"The most urgent question before us American Christians is not whether we have the right politics but whether we have the real Jesus. We don't seem blown away by Him, floored by Him, satisfied in Him. We freak out too readily, get angry too easily. The real Jesus settles us (Ray Ortlund)."* Do you agree or disagree?
2. Look back on your reactions to the events of 2020, social media, and the presidential inauguration -- In your own life (by those reactions), do you feel as if your life is ordered rightly concerning Jesus?
3. Today we learned that a real encounter with Jesus leaves you painfully aware of who you are -- and that breaks your heart. Have you had this kind of "real" encounter with Jesus?
4. Mourning over sin isn't simply an individual concern -- we are also meant to mourn over the sin of the world like Jesus did. It is then that we experience the Makarios... the "flourishing." Do you mourn over the brokenness of our world, or are you merely frustrated and angry that it isn't going the way you want it to?
5. Jesus came to be close to the broken-hearted, like you -- And He gave us His Word and His Holy Spirit to continue the work of coming alongside and being ambassadors of reconciliation and healing to those who are broken -- How can you be available this week to be used by God to be the Balm of Gilead in this broken world?