The BeGladitudes

Matthew 5:1-15

Overall, we find a message of COMFORT and CONSOLATION

1. Be encouraged, you're in the kingdom!

- a. Jesus is preaching a message of consolation
- Regardless of <u>circumstance</u>, rejoice, you're in the kingdom
 - Blessed are the poor in spirit
 - Blessed are the meek
 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

For Further Study and Reflection:

Sermon on the Mount by John Stott
The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard

The Bible Project video overview of the Beatitudes: https://bibleproject.com/videos/the-beatitudes/

Introduction:

Beatitudes (5:3-12)
Salt and light (5:13-16)

Thesis:

Jesus requires a greater righteousness (5:17-20)

Jesus' teachings contrasted with the law (5:21-48)

Jesus contrasts true and hypocritical piety (6:1-18)

Jesus addresses social issues (6:19-34)

Three commands on how to treat others (7:1-12)

Conclusion:

Three illustrations of how to respond to his message (7:13-27)