



The Greatest Sermon Ever Taught
Matthew 5:10-12
The Right Kind of Suffering

Matthew 5:10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **ESV**

1. This passage is the call to each of us to do whatever it takes to further the cause of Christ, no matter what the _____.
2. God blesses those who are persecuted for serving the people He puts in their path. The people you are serving will realize you are _____ or _____ because you are a follower of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:10 **God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.** **NLT**

1 Peter 4:12-19

3. These passages are not about the fact you suffer. These passages are about suffering for _____.

Matthew 5:11 **God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you (WHY?) because you are my followers.**

12 **Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.** **NLT**

Lesson #8

4. It's almost like Jesus is saying to them (and us), "This isn't about someone else. This is about _____!"

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

5. Focus on what you cannot YET see but you know it is a _____.
 - a. Almighty God is a reality. I've seen His _____.
 - b. Almighty God loves me. I've experienced His _____.
 - c. Almighty God has a plan for me. I've seen it _____.
 - d. Why would this be so evident and obvious if there wasn't going to be an inconceivably, awesome, forever-place for His own, called _____.
Focus on that reality!
6. Jesus is telling us that our difficulties are temporary and are often the biggest opportunity to _____ who Christ is in our lives.