



Blessed are ...

AT A GLANCE


Bible

Matthew 5:3–12


Topic

Turning values upside down


Takeaway

Thinking differently about happiness



10–15 minutes



Object: a piece of paper with the word "success" crossed out



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Turning values upside down". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Ask: Who counts as happy and successful in our society?

3 min

Bible text

Read the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3–12. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger for justice, the merciful, the peacemakers, the persecuted.

5 min

Thought

Jesus turns values upside down. He does not promise the kingdom of God to the strong, the loud and the successful, but to those who are empty, sad, non-violent and hungry for justice. The Beatitudes are both encouragement and a programme.

5 min

Conversation

Which Beatitude challenges you most – and why?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, you call the small and the quiet blessed. Change my idea of happiness and make me someone who makes peace. Amen.



To think further

- Can the Sermon on the Mount be lived – or is it only an ideal?
- Where can you make peace in concrete ways?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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