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Lesson Summary:

In Matthew 5:1-12, Jesus gave His disciples a message called "The Beatitudes." This message was the beginning of "The Sermon on the Mount." It was given to those who had a personal relationship with Jesus. In this passage, Jesus tells believers about what it means to live a life that is honoring to the Lord. This type of Godly living happens for people who have put their trust in Jesus. It is God, through the Holy Spirit, working in and transforming us to be more like Jesus. The religious leaders of Jesus' time focused on looking good on the outside while being a mess on the inside. They were more concerned about what people thought of them instead of humbly admitting they were sinners and couldn't save themselves. This message focuses on having full dependance on God to be working in us, not on anything we can do ourselves. God alone will fully meet our needs both physically and spiritually. This is opposite of what the Pharisees were doing. They sought their own good and were prideful, bringing conflict. As believers in Jesus, we seek to live our lives to bring glory to God and not ourselves. When this happens, we stand out from the world. Through God's help, we can show others the love of Jesus by how we live for Him instead of ourselves.

Series Bible Verse:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Group Questions:

- 1. Who did Jesus give this message to?
- 2. How was what the pharisees were doing opposite of what Jesus was saying in this passage?
- 3. Why is it important to realize we cannot become more like Jesus without God working in us to change us?

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