

Emmanuel Prayer List - April

The eSwatini, Africa Carepoint that Emmanuel supports

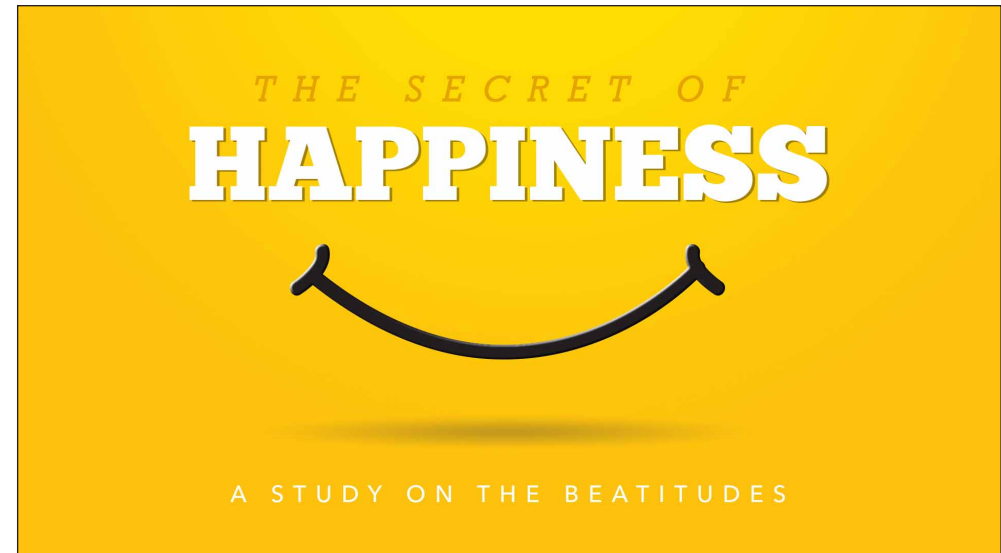
- Praise God for love, care and protection for leaders and orphans
- A new shepherd leader is needed to work with children
- Praise for the Care Point and God's blessings
- Pray for the children who go to the Care Point to be fed and cared for
- Thanks for all the donors who provide funds for food
- Pray for community unity and the kids to do well at school

Study Continued

8. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18. This passage ends with, "...therefore encourage one another with these words. Again, this verse uses the same root word for encourage as the word for comfort (parakaleo). From this passage what is the key to knowing this kind of encouragement (comfort)?

9. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. This second beatitude follows, 'blessed are the poor in spirit.' As we realise our spiritual poverty, and then mourn over our sin, we come into the presence of God, who forgives us and comes alongside us. It is then that we can know the comfort that God brings in the midst of grief, because we know the future that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. With all this in mind, what should be our emphasis when we know of someone who close to death, and doesn't know the Lord.

10. With all that you have learned so far in the beatitudes. Describe what, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted" means.



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4

The Beatitudes

1. Blessed are the poor in Spirit
- 2. Blessed are those who mourn**
3. Blessed are the meek
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
5. Blessed are the merciful
6. Blessed are the pure in heart
7. Blessed are the peacemakers
8. Blessed are the persecuted

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Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be _____

DEATH IS NOT THE END

John 14:1-6

Do not let your heart be _____ Why?

You believe in God, believe also in _____.

In my Father's house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for _____.

What is Jesus talking about?

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

'Comforted' is the Greek word *parakaleó* = _____

John 16:6-7 Jesus refers to the counselor, comforter, advocate. It is the same Greek word. Who is Jesus referring to?

FINDING HOPE AND COMFORT

Romans 5:12 Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way _____ came to all people, because _____ have sinned.

_____ has taken away our hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

v.13 Tells us that we don't need to grieve like the rest of the world, who have no _____

v.14 Gives the reason for our hope:

v.15-17 Gives us the ultimate end of all believers:

v.18 Therefore _____ each other with these words.

This is the same Greek word for 'comfort'.

In order to find hope and comfort, we must be in relationship with God

1. _____

2. _____

1. Read Matthew 5:1-4. When was the last time you someone special in your life passed away. What were some of the emotions that were going on within you?
2. Read John 14:1-6. Jesus had just told the disciples that He was going to be crucified. He now says to them, "do not let your hearts be troubled." The disciples must have sensed some very intense emotions at that time - Why could Jesus say what he said? Explain.
3. Work through the rest of that passage and answer the following questions:
Who are we to trust in?
What is Jesus referring to?
What is Jesus going to do?
Why is Jesus coming back?
4. Thomas is speaking for all of the disciples when he says, "We don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
How hard is it to really grasp the reality of heaven?
If you were to describe a 'Biblical' view of heaven to someone, what would you say?
How does that line up with what many might think about heaven?
Revelation 21:1-5, 22:5, 22:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44; Luke 20:34-36;
5. Read John 14:6. What does it mean?
6. Read John 16:6-7. The word that is translated here as comforter, advocate, counselor, for the coming of the Holy Spirit, is the same root word that is used in Matthew 5:4 "...for they shall be comforted." That word is literally translated, 'to come alongside.'
With that in mind, how does that help you understand Matthew 5:4?
7. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. This passage gives us the reasons that we are blessed and can find comfort.
Why do people have "no hope," and what is the cause of having no hope?

What is the reason for our hope?