

## Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 3

### Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### Read

Matthew 5:4

### Main Ideas

This week, we examined the second of the "Beatitudes"- Jesus' promise of comfort to those who mourn. We heard how mourning is an inevitable part of human life- the consequence of living in a world broken by sin, a spiritual reality that shows up in the physical world.

However, Jesus' words remind us that mourning is not permanent- that in the Kingdom of God, comfort will be offered, hope will be given, and tears will be washed away.

### Icebreaker Question

- What is your favorite road trip snack?

### Discussion Questions

1. Try to put yourself in the place of Jesus' original audience. What types of things do you think they would be mourning?
2. Where in Jesus' life and ministry do you see mourning?
  - a. For examples, read John 11:33-38 and Matthew 23:37-39.
  - b. What types of things does Jesus mourn over?
  - c. What can we learn about the place of mourning from His example?
3. When in your life have you experienced grief? How did that shape your relationship with God?
4. What does it look like to experience God's comfort?
5. As a group, read Revelation 21:1-4.
  - a. What hope does this offer in our mourning?
  - b. When you think about a life with no suffering, what comes to your mind? What do you think will replace it?
6. Is there anything you're mourning over today? How can we, as a group, be there for you?