**The Beatitudes**

**“Those Who Mourn”**

**The Week of April 21, 2024**

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 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted…”

* When have you mourned?
* What goes on in the heart of someone who is mourning?
* How would you describe the mourning that Jesus talks about?
* What are ways we seek comfort?
* There are so many passages of Scripture we could consider to gain a better understanding of what Jesus is saying here. Let’s read **Luke 19:1-10** for more insight. How does Zacchaeus mourn? How do you know? What brings him comfort?
* Now read **John 11:17-27, 33-36**. How do Mary, Martha & Jesus mourn? What brings them comfort?
* The word Jesus uses for “comfort” carries some sense of “coming alongside”. What does that tell us about God’s means of providing comfort?
* Pray together in light of this week’s passage. Ask God to bless and comfort those who mourn. Thank God for His Gospel comfort.