

Small Group Resources: Sun 12th Mar 23

Theme & Passages	Losing & Finding 5: Unattainable? Matthew 5: 1-12 N.B. Please try to use the SGR as they are laid out including 'Working with God' after Worship and before Word. The idea is to highlight mission with or without a thematic link to the preaching topic.	Notes prepared by Gill Hawkins & Steve Elmes
Welcome (10 mins)	A little game for our welcome this week! On Sunday Gill offered some more commonly used terms for the characteristics in the Beatitudes. Can you match the NIV terms in column 1 with the more commonly used ones in column 2? (answers at the end of the Word section but no cheating!)	
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Worship (15-20mins)	At The6ix Luke introduced us to a new song which seemed to reflect both our Losing and Finding and Beatitudes themes. You can print out the words from this link <u>real-thing</u> . Why not listen to this new song via this link <u>watch</u> and then allow your prayers to rise out of the words of the song.	
Working with God (15-20 mins): Evangelism Discipleship Compassion Justice Creation Care	On Sunday morning, Mikey Dicken shared a little about the work of the Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP). It was inspiring and moving to hear about the ethos and approach of LYP as well as a story about one teenager who has benefited from the wise and caring approach taken. If there are people in the group who heard Mikey speak, ask them to share what they remember and how it impacted them. For me it was the emphasis on building relationships and the consistency over many years that stood out.	
	On the front page of the LYP website (https://leatherheadyouthproject.com), the following statement can be found:	
	We take a relational and positive approach which provides support and skills to disadvantaged young people, helping them to overcome barriers they are facing and build a brighter future. We are a team of experienced youth workers and counsellors who care about the local community, and between us we have a total of 64 years of delivering services to young people in Leatherhead.	
	You might like to take a closer look at the website to inspire your prayers.	
	Spend some time praying for LYP and BYP and our youth.	



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Word (20-25 mins)

- Read Matthew 5:1-12 together a couple of times, maybe from more than one translation
- Share together your heart response as you read; are you inspired, overwhelmed, encouraged, frustrated?
- What stood out for you from the sermon on Sunday morning or evening?

Gill explained on Sunday that these are all features of every disciple of Christ to some extent and that their perfection in us will be our ultimate state in eternity.

- Could you encourage one another by offering one aspect from the lists above in the Welcome that you see God developing in each SG member? You could do it randomly or each focus on the person on your left and take a moment to pray and think.
- Which part of the Beatitudes do you find the most challenging and why? Pray for one another as you seek first God's kingdom and seek to see these characteristics develop in your lives.

Welcome answers: 1+5 2+6 3+8 4+1 5+4 6+2 7+3 8+7